Four Boys, All Deacons, and Their Father

By DALE E. ROE.

RECORD . . . four members of one family, all actively working deacons. This is the record set by the James C. Nackos family in Oakland's Fourth (Maxwell Park) Wardof the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Brother Nackos, Bishop Curtis R. Bybee's second counselor, is in charge of the work in the deacons' quorum.

A former member of the Richland Stake, (Washington) high council, he has had the pleasure of ordaining all four of his sons into the Aaronic priesthood. Shown here they are: George, newest member who was ordained last month; Frank, Louis and Charles. Frank holds an individual award for last year and came within one meeting of having a 100 per cent seal. Charles, quorum president and Louis, his twin brother, first counselor, both have individual awards for each year since they were ordained deacons and both have the 100 per cent seal for 1952 (they will become teachers in May).

Oakland Stake's Conference

"Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and exercise a full measure of love at home," Elder LeGrande Richards of the Council of Twelve charged memebrs of the Oakland Stake at regular quarterly conference sessions, Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10.

"We should all prepare ourselves for eternal life," Elder Richards instructed the Aaronic and Melchizdek priesthood members at the Saturday evening meeting in the Oakland ward chapel. Elder Alfred Uhrhan conducted a welfare meeting at this session.

Mother's Day Addresses

The Sunday morning session honored Mother's day.

Oakland Stake Presidents Delbert F. Wright and Elmo R. Smith paid great respects to the mothers and fathers of the stake. President Shaw spoke of rooting the tree of life in good deeds so that fruitage of blessings may come.

Music was furnished by the Oakland Stake singing mothers, under the direction of Estrella Olszowka with Donna Carter at the piano. Sister Olszowka sang a solo number, "Only One Mother."

Sunday Evening in Hayward

The Sunday evening session met in the Hayward ward chapel with almost a thousand members of the stake and music was by the Mormon male chorus.

Elder Richards made an appeal for missionaries. Those who are financially able and yet cannot go on missions may contribute to a missionary fund direct to the First Presidency.

Released With Thanks

Released with thanks for the services they have performed were Kenneth D. Kuhre, a Seventy's president; De Orr Sorensen, a Seventy's president; Robert G. Woffinden, Richard K. McDonald and Lorenz Smemoe, presidency of the second quorum of Elders; the superintendency of Oakland Stake Sunday Schools, Marcel F. Lauper, Theodore C. Hilton and Elmer R. Clark; Sister Flora Sears, Melva Rainey and Triest Hall, presidency of the Stake MIA.

Sustained Unanimously

Sustained by unanimous vote, were:

Glenn C. Rounds, Oakland second ward, a member of the Stake High Council; Richard S. Smead and Elmer R. Clark, alternate members; O. Neil McCarthy and Curtis O. Finch, presidents of the 247th Quorum of Seventy; Jack Melvin James, president of the second Quorum of Elders; Marriner Swensen, superintendent of Oakland Sunday schools; Sister Verna Jackson, president of the Oakland Stake YMMIA.

NORMAN J. HUNT

A new director of bands at the California State College at Sacramento in September will be Norman J. Hunter, director of the Brigham Young University bands.

Elder Hunt is rated by critics as one of the outstanding band conductors of the nation today. A distinguished trombone soloist, he also is a nationally published authority in the field of brass instruments.

Recently returned from a year's study at the Paris, France, Conservatory of Music, he has been playing for the past season with the Utah Symphony under the direction of Maurice Abravanel and is a popular solo artist in the Intermountain West.

FUHRIMAN BROTHERS

At the Eagle Scout Court of Honor of the Oakland Area Council conducted May 25, 1953 in the Alameda County Court room of Judge A. T. Shine, the Boy Scouts of America awarded Eagle badges to two LDS scouts.

These two scouters, David H. Fuhriman Jr., age 16, and Parker J. Fuhriman, age 13, are members of Oakland 5th Ward troop 115. The two brothers who achieved this high recognition are sons of David H. and Maurine Fuhriman.

Parker is one of the youngest Boy Scouts in the country to have achieved the Eagle rank.

Both boys will attend the National Boy Scout Jamboree in So. California in July.

The Church Gets Another Hospital

Provo's Utah Valley Hospital stockholders in May voted overwhelmingly in favor of transferring the hospital to the ownership and control of the LDS Church.

Transfer of this Provo hospital to the Church would greatly strengthen the recently-organized school of nursing established at Brigham Young University, it is believed, and will in turn be a factor in further growth of the hospital.

If final transfer of the hospital is made to the Church, the institution will continue to operate for all persons regardless of race or creed, according to statements made Monday.

Dr. Vasco Tanner, member of the hospital's general board and chairman of the zoology department at BYU, emphasized Monday that the LDS Church "was already skilled in the hospital" business; that the majority of dwellers in Utah valley are members of the Mormon Church and that the Church and the university would cooperate to build an outstanding medical center in the county.

Gold and Green Ball, Richmond Auditorium, April 10, 1953. Queens left to right: Jo Ann Miller Fry and Nadine Stoddard.

Princesses: left to right: Georgia Mosier, Joy Marler, Cheryl Johnson, Joan Sabine, Myrna Morgan, Kay Franz, Sharon Lee, Eleanor Vom Dorp, Marilyn Kersey, Jackline Hughes, Virginia Chase, Carolyn Braby, Billie Kirkwood, Virginia Kersey, ..., Janet Ellsworth, Lynne Tolles, Karlam Tolles.

S. F. Guide-Scouts Department Featured

By VIVIAN NEFF.

An enjoyable and special feature of the last San Francisco Stake Primary preparation meeting was the new Guide-Scout department meeting conducted by Merle Dorius. Stressed also was the thought that all Primary workers and their families should cultivate regular attendance at Sacrament meetings.

Gertrude Young and June Noyes have moved to Salt Lake City, and Verna McDonald to the Palo Alto Stake. These excellent board members will be truly missed.

The annual Homebuilders' holiday and Trailbuilders fundalay honoring all these boys and girls in our stake will be held June 20 from ten until two at Sigmund Stern Grove. All Primary families are invited to come and bring their lunch. Soda pop and entertainment will be furnished.

Let everyone start to plan costumes and floats for our annual Stake Primary July 24th parade. All will assemble at the stake house at 11 a.m. and after eating lunch, the parade will form and march around two blocks under the usual police escort. All Primary families of the stake are invited.

Just Thinking . . Shall Not One Do To Members In Business As We'd Wish To Be Done By?

When we did our first Christmas toy shopping at a L.D.S. variety store both the merchant and we felt better. It's a fact!

The big turkey for Thanksgiving tasted just a bit sweeter, one could imagine, from having come over the counter of one of our fellow members' stores.

No doubt the figurine we purchased at one of our saints' paint emporiums is the exact pattern one sees in other shops, but for us it seems somehow to have an added interest. Should do!

No doubt in the world the two coats of outside paint on our good domicile is doing its stint to "save all by saving the surface", but

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BYU Air Force ROTC Requests Qualified Instructors Apply

Word comes from the Air Force ROTC detachment at Brigham Young University, one of the nation's largest in number of cadets enrolled, that there is an urgent need for Air Force personnel now on active duty to join the administrative and instructor staff at Provo.

To pace the growth of the AF ROTC cadet unit at BYU, Lt. Col. Jesse E. Stay, Professor of Air Science and Tactics, this week sounded a call for additional officers and airmen to join his staff. Air Force officers and airmen, who are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are urged by Colonel Stay to investigate the opportunities of serving a four-year tour of duty on the "Y" campus.

Primary officer need is for instructors. Flying officers are particularly needed to instruct in the aeronautical fields. There likewise is a need for qualified airmen who are classified in the fields of training, administration, personnel and Air Force supply.

Officers and airmen who meet the qualifications outlined in Air Force regulation 35-56, may visit or write Colonel Stay at the University, stating their qualifications. It will be helpful for those who apply to include a letter of recommendation from their ward bishop or other LDS Church leader.

Building of First East Bay Chapel

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tle, commended the sisters for this "splendid health measure" and said he hoped to see the day when paper cups would be made small enough to serve as individual sacrament cups.

Many remembered the M.I.A. hikes in those early days to Stinson Beach, the Sunday on the beach and testimony meeting around the bonfire in the evening. On one such hike the late Gen. Albert Smith, who was general superintendent of the "Young Mens" joined in the hike.

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on top of that somehow comes the double assurance of good materials from one fellow member and the application by another.

We heard one of our thriving merchants put it this way: The added trade of our fellow church members may easily mean to some the difference between success and failure.

At least it leaves a good feeling to include our fellow members within the circle of our day to day shopping.

• One evidence of the value of the Bible is the character of those who oppose it.

Big Balboa Ward Get Together Dinner

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Roberts presented diplomas to Sheila Koski, Irma Williams, Barbara Laabs and Nancy Roberts. These girls were then presented, in order, to Bishop John Breckon who in turn presented them to the YMMIA president, Sally Kennedy.

Next Sister Roberts presented diplomas to Edward Gromley, Harris Kenner and Joseph Morecl (a non-member). The boys were presented to the bishop who in turn presented them to four leaders, namely, Wilford B. Lindman, in charge of the deacons; Grant Bennion and Frank Austen, Scout leaders, and to Charles, head of the YMMIA.

All these organizations welcomed the boys and girls into their respective homes.

Berkeley Youths Now 'Y' Graduates

Barney Gardner, son of former Bishop LeRoi Gardner, will be home from the "Y" soon and will attend the UC summer school and then return to the "Y" for his senior year there.

Rose Marie Dunham will be among the BYU graduates this month.

Dr. Von T. Ellsworth's name was omitted unintentionally from the list in the May Messenger of the ward's list of Ph. D. degree men. Von has headed the research department of the State Farm Bureau, for many years and is called upon to help frame much legislation and to do the research and write the bulletins for these studies. He also does much work at the time the state legislature is in session explaining the views of the farm bureau. He is often called into important meeting to consider taxation and other public questions that effect the people of the state.

David B. Neff's Youth Saw Sheep Camp Life

By LOIS McLANE.

David Brinton Neff has served on the MIA stake board for two years; was counselor in the Sunday School of San Francisco Ward for four years; later superintendent; then in the bishopric for eight years. At the present time he is a high councilman in San Francisco Stake.

Born and reared on East Mill Creek benchlands in Salt Lake County, he was graduated from Granite High School in 1924 and spent many summer in the mountains at his father's sheep camp.

Elder Neff filled a mission in the Eastern States 1926-28.

In 1930 he was graduated from the University of Utah with an A. B. degree in economics and married Vivian Bailey in June of that year in the Salt Lake Temple. Later the Harvard Business School awarded him a Master's degree.

In time the family moved to San Francisco where David was employed by Standard Oil Company of California. In San Francisco three sons have been born, David Bailey, Samuel Reuben and Duncan Barr. Intalie is Bostonese by birth.

Early Writings Visible On Rocks On 'Y' Campus

Ancient writings can be seen on 19 rocks along the path that leads to the Grant Library, above the closed auto road at the BYU in Provo, Utah.

The pictographs or petroglyphs (rock writing) were made by the inhabitants of this land from 1000 BC to 500 BC, the Jaredite period of Book of Mormon history, according to Dr. Albert B. Reagan, and BYU professor of anthropology.

These rocks now found on the BYU campus were originally on that part of Lincoln Beach, near West Mountain, on the Utah Lake shore. For safe-keeping they were moved in 1928 by Dr. Hansen of the geology department.

Chimes of Normandy Still Ringing Gaily

Vince Wood and Laura Summerhays, Shirley Stone and Jack Smith, Jerry Zenger and Enid Young, Mary Kenner and Carol Thulin—how can Berkeley First and Second Wards ever forget their finished portrayal May 20, 21, of the lead characters singing the lilting airs of Planquette's "The Chimes of Normandy," in Berkeley's recreational hall.

Similarly Bud Stone and his cohirty six-piecing orchestra of "I. cain, i. flamm, r. gardner, m. bodily, w. bodily, f. henrie, d. timm, w. basinger, k. shepherd, a. lawson, r. applequist, h. davis and d. bramwell"—did ever an amateur orchestra equal this group?

And what a lovely, gay chorus of 32 lads and lasses!

Well deserved also were the bouquets to Diana Malmstrom, director of Stone, musical director, and Marilyn Edwards, piano director. Honors also to Jeane Anderson and Marilyn Stone for stage scenery and Margaret Kimber for costuming.

Good Things Come if God Sought First

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ward measure up daily in order to "be where tests ahead."—Lorin F. Liddell.

Music for the conference was furnished by the ward choir under the direction of Chas. Hilder with Helen Whatcott, accompanist Sheila Peterson was organist for the congregational singing and played the prelude and postlude music—all of which added greatly to the spiritual beauty of the occasion.

Recently sustained as officers and teachers in the ward were:

Junior Sunday School—Ethel Titus, coordinator, Velma Politis, secretary-treasurer; Rose Potter, organist; Helen Politis, chorister; Glenna Cook, teacher.

MIA—Bernard Nichols, Scoutmaster; Everett Henry, Explorer advisor; Dolly Lambson, teacher; Marilyn Milligan, teacher.

Sunday School—Theodore Neill, teacher; Rose Child, librarian.

Four Seagull girls graduates from Primary were given certificates at their graduation exercises on Sunday evening, May 24th—Charlotte Cox, Linda Laws, Bonnie May Sullivan and Dorothy Peterson.

Louis Calentano, president of the elders' quorum, received the special Scouter's key award, Tuesday night, April 21st, at the Mission Trails Scouter's banquet.

MIA Maids had an enjoyable evening with their mothers as guests at the ward on May 20th, when they held their annual rose tying ceremony.

The elders' quorum sponsored a "chuck wagon" party on Saturday evening, May 23rd.

Sister Martha Begent, who recently suffered a broken hip, is now home from the hospital and improving daily. Sister Florence Meacham, also has been very ill at St. Luke's hospital but is now looking forward to returning home soon.

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Pleasant Hills and Walnut Creek Wards Break Ground

June 20, 1953, in ground breaking ceremonies for their future jointly-used Latter-day Saint chapel on a spacious, elevated site in Walnut Creek, convenient to both wards. Shown in the photograph are, left to right: Edmond Y. Well, Alma H. Uffens, Walnut Creek Ward councilors; Robert G. Larsen, bishop; Dean Price, architect; President Emery R. Ranker, President W. Glen Harmon, Mayor Joseph Bell, city of Walnut Creek; Kenneth Jensen, first bishop, Walnut Creek Ward; Joseph R. Hilton, bishop, Pleasant Hills Ward, and Von Nielsen, councilor, Pleasant Hills Ward.

Walnut Creek-Pleasant Hill Hold Joint Chapel Ground Breaking;

With the strains of "Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel" still ringing in their ears, members of the Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hills Ward began to realize the future of having a chapel and recreation hall. President W. Glen Harmon, speaking at the ground breaking ceremony on Saturday, June 20, 1953, told how this was only one of the many such projects being carried on in the Church as a whole. There are between two hundred and four hundred buildings being erected at the present time.

Mayor Joseph Bell of Walnut Creek expressed the happiness of being able to join with the members at the ceremony and hoped that the city of Walnut Creek would be able to help with the construction of the building as a beautification of the city itself.

A scaled model of the chapel was presented by Architect Dean Price to the two bishops. He told how the chapel was designed so it could be enlarged without remodeling expenses in the future. The grounds are to be landscaped in keeping with the contour of the land and the surrounding area.

Bishops Jos. Roy Hilton and Robert G. Larsen accepted with thanks the model and said that the ward member's response has been gratifying. They outlined the continuation of plans together with the labor and material needed for the completion and the dedication about two years hence.

History of the Branch

In January of 1928 when the first branch was organized here in the Walnut Creek area the few saints had to meet in the city court room. Among these first families were the Osborns, Wakemans, Pedersons, Patriarch Potts. During the war the families all moved away because of the gas shortage. The branch divided, some going to Berkeley and others to Martinez. Later the saints reorganized as a branch of the Oakland Stake with sacrament meetings being held at the home of Brother Emery R. Ranker on top of that somehow comes the double assurance of good materials from one fellow member and the application by another.

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Long Beach Stake Acquires Mt. Camp

Long Beach Stake recently acquired Camp Cole from the YMCA on a long term lease basis. The camp comprises 15 acres and provides a wonderful setting for stake outings, being situated down in a canyon with a park and wooded mountain area and a cold stream of water.

Facilities include a large cement swimming pool, pipes full of delicious mountain water running through the camp and sanitation facilities. A mess hall 20 by 45 feet has been constructed. Ten other buildings in fair condition with four large fire places, plenty of space for a baseball diamond, water rights up Fall Canyon and trout in the stream are other camp attractions.

Groundbreaking at Concord Ward

FRONT ROW with shovels, left to right: Dr. Emery R. Ranker and W. Glenn Harmon of the Berkeley Stake presidency, and Ira J. Markham, ward bishop. Back row, left to right: Norbert Gehringer, city councilman; Leon A. Westover, bishop's counselor; A. L. Day, city councilman and I. M. Christensen, bishop's counselor. Two boys and partially hidden brother are unidentified.

Berkeley Stake's July 24-25 Fiesta Consists of Three Top Features

I. Berkeley Stake's Benefit Dinner 6 p.m., July 24

II. 5-Stake Grand Ball, Floor Show 9-12 p.m., July 24

III. Berkeley Stake's Rousing Outing, 1-12 p.m., July 25

GLORIOUS EVENTS DETAILED

first—

1000 Plate Berkeley Stake Benefit Dinner

PLACE: Dining Room—South Veranda, Richmond Memorial Auditorium, Civic Center, 27th and Nevin, Richmond

TIME: 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 24

PRICE: Only $2.50 per plate

BENEFIT: Berkeley Stake's Audio and Visual Aids

second—

Five-Stake Gala MIA Ball

PLACE: Richmond Memorial Auditorium, Civic Center, Richmond

SPONSORS: Palo Alto, San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Santa Rosa Stakes

TIME: 9 p.m. to midnight, Friday, July 24

PRICE: $1.00 per person

third—

Rousing Berkeley Stake Outing

PLACE: Concord's Junior high school grounds

TIME: Beginning at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 25, and ending with glorious evening Fireside

DOINGS: Swimming, games, free refreshments, visiting

Four Generations Hold Boyack Reunion

The families of President W. Glenn and Wanda Boyack Harmon and of Clifton D. and Grace Boyack of the Berkeley Second LDS singing organization in the Ward bishopric were hosts in Berkeley during U. C. Commencement Week to a family reunion of the Geo. S. Boyack family. Highlight of the occasion was the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Education on Clifton D. Boyack by the University of California.

Gathering in Berkeley for the event besides the guests of honor, George S. and Jane B. Boyack from Salt Lake City, were their six sons and one daughter, together with twenty-four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Farthest to travel were the Halden F. Boyacks, who came from Minnesota. From Seattle came the Merrill W. Boyack family, from Salt Lake City the Ray M. Boyacks and the George B. Boyacks, and from Los Angeles the Dean C. Boyack family.

The group of forty-two were entertained at the home of the Harmons on Thursday with a family dinner and family movies. On Friday following the commencement exercises a buffet supper and program took place at the Cliff Boyack home.

Sam Brannan's Grave Found In San Diego

One may today visit Mt. Hope cemetery in San Diego and be shown the humble resting place of California's first millionaire.

Samuel Brannan died penniless. With no money either for grave or coffin, his body lay a year in the San Diego receiving vault, unclaimed. Only by chance discovery of a friend, was Brannan accorded a Christian burial. But for years only a wood stake marked the lonely grave at Mount Hope cemetery. In 1926, a more suitable marker was provided. It reads: "SAM' BRANNAN—1819-1889—CALIFORNIA PIONEER OF '46—DREAMER—LEADER—AND EMPIRE BUILDER."

The Bob Sants Say Farewell to East Bay

"The Mormon Male Chorus has been a most rewarding endeavor" writes Robert Sant ,organizer and director of the men's best-known Boyack of the Berkeley Second Bay area. He continues:

"Thru it I have been privileged to work with and to learn to love as brothers over 200 men who have thru the years sung with the Mormon Male Chorus—a most rich and wonderful experience. For when men sing together there is a bond created that is never broken and in learning and singing together, something is created in the soul and heart of men that is not found in other endeavors. Music is close to the emotions and men are stirred deeply by singing together their hymns of praise."

Director Sant concludes: "It is my profound belief that the chorus will continue and will go on to finer and better work."

Elder Sant is being promoted and transferred to Sacramento by his company, The Sacramento Northern Railway, a subsidiary of the Western Pacific railroad. Whereas he has hitherto had charge of the power stations along

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Church History Tour Scheduled July 28

Brigham Young University's Third Annual Church History Tour, which is scheduled for July 28, will include the famous Cumorah Pageant ,according to Prof. William E. Berrett, tour director.

Sponsored by the Extension Division of the University, in cooperation with the Division of Religion and Summer School, the study tour is a non-profit educational project by Brigham Young University.

The tour will leave Provo the morning of the 28th, and will spend three weeks making an on-the-spot study of Mormon Church history as well as touring Washington, D. C., and New York City.

Prof. Berrett said lectures will be given at each night's stopping place.

The Ship Brooklyn As Conceived By Utah Artist Arnold Friberg

July is a double Latter-day Saint pioneering month. In July come two great western pioneering anniversaries, first July 24 celebrating the day Pres. Young arrived in the Salt Lake Valley with the first colony of 143 saints, and July 31 when Samuel Brannan landed in Yerba Buena with the first colony of saints and Anglo-Saxon settlers in California.

The 500-ton sailing vessel, the Ship Brooklyn, brought to California its first Anglo-Saxon and Protestant colony, when 239 Latter-day Saint pioneers landed at Yerba Buena (San Francisco) July 31, 1846. This hardy company of Mormon men, women and children led by Samuel Brannan left New York, Feb. 4, 1846, the very same day on which the saints left Nauvoo for the West. They landed in Yerba Buena one year lacking one week ahead of the Utah Pioneers' arrival in Great Salt Lake Valley. Over one-half of the Ship Brooklyn saints later made the trek eastward and joined the body of the Church in the rocky Mountains. We hear too little of the majority who proved faithful and too much of the minority who proved recreant to their covenants.

MISSOURI'S FIRST MORMON Wm. Taylor Family Redwood City Reunion

By NOEL M. TAYLOR.

All descendants of William and Elizabeth Patrick Taylor, of Virginia, Bowling Green, Kentucky and Utah, are invited to attend a family reunion at Floral Park in Redwood City at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 4th, 1953. Please bring family potluck. There will be dancing in the evening.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WILLIAM TAYLOR.

William Taylor was born in Virginia March 21, 1787. While yet a boy his parents moved to Warren County, Kentucky, where he met and married Elizabeth Patrick; to them were born 14 children, seven boys and seven girls.

Soon they settled in Monroe County, Missouri in 1830.

In the spring of 1834 a group of Latter-day Saint men, called Zion's Camp, were headed west to demand that the rights of their Gospel brothers be granted them. However, because of a storm and enemy threats they were forced to take refuge near William Taylor's farm. Having heard one sermon William Taylor was converted; the first man in the state of Missouri to be baptized.

FOLLOWED PERSECUTED SAINTS

For the Gospel he and his family were forced to leave their homes, over a thousand acres of land, a herd of finely-bred pigs, one thousand bushels of corn and $500 in cash.

BOGGS' EXPULSION ORDER

When Governor Boggs ordered that all the Latter-day Saints be expelled from the state of Missouri, William Taylor and his family were forced to move for the fourth time, resulting in his death September 9th, 1839.

Before his death he called his family around him and counselled them to rally round the priesthood and stay with the main body of the Church. Each of his

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Mormon California History Featured In Novel Quizzes

Latter-day Saints made their early entry into the front lines of California history when on July 31, 1846, the Ship Brooklyn colony of 239 saints from New York and eastern states landed at San Francisco.

The history of Mormon activity in California has been conveniently divided into four major periods by Leo J. Muir in his colossal two volume work, "A Century of Mormon Activity in California." These four periods are mentioned by Elder Muir as follows:

Into What Four Periods Could One Divide Latter-day Saint California History?

PERIOD I.—The colonization period, from 1846-1857, includes, (a) the above mentioned Ship Brooklyn colony in Northern California led by Samuel Brannon; (b) the entry into Southern California of the Mormon Battalion of the U. S. Army in January, 1847; and (c) the colony of 437 church members led by two apostles, Amasa Lyman and Charles C. Rich, which founded the city of San Bernardino in June, 1851. This colony was called to return to Utah in 1857 when Johnson's army came to Utah.

PERIOD II.—1858-1890 is the period of no organized Church activity. No missionaries were sent to labor in California.

About 40 er cent (approximately 96 persons) of the Ship Brooklyn stayed in California during this period, according to estimates by Muir (op. cit. Vol. I, p. 93), mostly inactive members. Moreover, several score of the saints who had gone back to Utah in 1857 when Johnson's army approached Utah, later returned to San Bernardino so that by 1890 one historian says the Mormons again constituted the majority group in that community.

Several former Mormon Battalion members also remained in Southern California and there raised families and established businesses.

A Sacramento Branch of the Church was organized in 1872, the only entry into the front lines of California history when on

PERIOD III. — 1890-1923, saw the Church renew its missionary activity in California. Up to 1923 many branches and districts were organized but no stakes.

In 1890 the first elder, J. W. Pickett came to San Francisco and converted Alfred and Charles Nethercott and their families.

In 1892 John L. Dalton of Ogden, came to San Francisco as a missionary and later was appointed president of the California Mission covering the entire state. He organized branches in Oakland and Sacramento in 1893 as well as in Southern California.

Missionary work grew and the membership increased under the succeeding California Mission presidents: Henry S. Tanner (1894-96), Ephraim H. Nye (1896-1900), Joseph E. Robinson (1900-1919), Joseph W. McMurrin (1919-1923).

In the presidency of Joseph W. McMurrin the stakes began to be formed and we enter the next period in the history of the saints in California.

PERIOD IV.—From 1923 until the present, is the period of organization and development of stakes and wards in California.

The first California Stake, Los Angeles, was organized January 21, 1923. The second stake, Hollywood, came in May, 1927, follow-

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Tight Binding

OAKLAND STAKE NEWS

Oakland Stake Tabernacle, Oakland Fifth Ward Chapel

It won't be long now!

Preliminary plans are in the hands of the Oakland Stake presidency and of the Oakland 5th Ward bishopric for their joint stake tabernacle and chapel on part of the church-owned temple site at the head of Lincoln street in East Oakland.

Artist's sketches of front elevation showing ground levels accompanied the tentative plans. The architect of the Oakland chapel has almost completed the plans. The bishopric announce that actual construction can soon commence.

Stake Auxiliary News

The completed stake Sunday School superintendency consists now of Martinez Swenson, Orlando Dallas Smith and Herman Christensen. Herman has recently taken over supervision of a new variety store in Castro Valley.

The new Primary Presidency consists of Leah Finch, Melba Larson and Catherine Colombasm.

Stake Relief Society president, Della Swenson, recently entertained the stake board at her home. Ward presidents were also invited and Lucile Williams, special guest and past welfare counselor, was presented with a Three-in-One.

M.I.A. At June Conference

YMMIA President David Fuhriman and his two eagle scout sons attended June conference.

Verna Jackson, new WL president, attended with the following from both boards: Grant Hawkins, Lanny Compton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gustaveson, Gertrude Lester, Iris Wilson, Gwen Muir, Myrtle Snaar, the Roberts from Hayward, the Hal Hansens, the Myron Christensens, Ruby Addis' sister-in-law, Shirlene Webster Gaylene Clayson, Carmen Stephens and Anna Calhoun.

Stake Mission

Many fine young people are in training to become missionaries preparatory to the great work before them under President Leon and Lyons. Oscar and Mildred Fontana, just released, have seven converts to their credit, while Owen and Mary Stewart have had many more converts than that and are still working hard. Their converts are a great help to Centerville Branch, says Branch President C. W. Lindsay.

Pres. & Ruth Hilton Honored

Pres. and Ruth Hilton recently reported their mission to the Dimond Ward. Then on June 15 at Dr. and Mrs. Ream's Hayward home, they reviewed their mission and world-round return journey.

At this party special honors also went to returning high councilmen Don Bennion, Roy Weindorf, and L. N. Hoopes.

Fred Lundberg, recently back from Uruguay, reported his mission to Oakland Ward. Rita Blackburn was given a great farewell and special MIA and Relief Society parties on her leaving in mid-June for the South African Mission.

We refer to a 4000-word, ably written article in July True Confessions on the Latter-day Saints. It's tops in its class, many who have read it declare.

Don Addis First Eagle Award Winner

Don Addis was the first explorer Scout of the new Fifth Ward to receive his eagle award. This was given to him at the Court of Honor on March 27, 1953.

Don just returned from the June conference in Salt Lake City which was the 40th annual celebration of Scouting in the Church.

Mary I. Marchant's Family Reunion

By MARGARET MARCHANT

The children of Mary Irene and the late William A. Marchant, gathered in this city for a family reunion on June 13 and 14. All formerly of Oakland, many of the children have now moved to different cities in the western area. The idea was an outgrowth of a "Round Robin" letter which makes its steady flight from one home to another in this family.

All of the group met for a noon luncheon on Saturday, with the rest of the day spent in getting acquainted. Sunday morning was a spiritual time, with those present participating in a service and testimony meeting, the keynote of which was sounded by the mother of the family.

Nine Living Children

All of the nine living children were present and included the following:

Pearl M. Hatfield and her four children ther husband was in Cleveland, Ohio).

Justin L. Marchant from Seattle, his wife, daughter.

Lyle L. Marchant, his wife and three children from Tracy, California.

Naomi M. Cheney, her husband, four of their children, one grandson and a daughter-in-law.

Eldon L. Marchant, his wife and three children from Fresno, California.

Ted L. Marchant, his wife and one daughter from Portland, Oregon.

LaRene M. Antonuccio, her husband and three daughters from Soledad, California.

Glen L. Marchant, his wife and two sons from Oakland, California.

Louella M. Castro, her husband and two children from Concord, California.

This was the first reunion in 13 years for this family and proved to be a joy and time of thanksgiving to all the members. The many details and arrangements were handled by Sister Mary Irene and her two daughters, Pearl and Naomi.

Oakland Stake Will Celebrate July 24 at Arroya Viego Park

With details yet fluid at the time the Messenger went to press, still the general plan of games, songs, addresses, and refreshments had been agreed upon.

Utah Pioneer Day, July 24, is the anniversary of the entrance by the 143 members of the first pioneer company of saints into the Salt Lake Valley under the leadership of President Brigham Young in 1847.

Oakland Stake Ward Teaching Chart—May, 1953

THIS MONTH we see Elmhurst Ward back at the top of ward teaching activity, tying for first place with steady Maxwell Park Ward. Elmhurst visited 94 per cent of the families in her ward, but had only 87 per cent of the teachers out to report meeting. Maxwell had 87 per cent (nearly all) of her teachers out to the meeting, but visited only 84 per cent of the families. Oakland Ward came second with 88 per cent at report meeting, and 83 per cent families visited. Alameda Ward, last month's winner, dropped to third place with 80 per cent meeting attendance and 84 per cent on visits. Can you help the other wards raise their activity index—particularly the ones at the bottom of this chart? Our stake activity index still remains at 63 per cent.

General Church Statistics Tell Tales

If one cares to fix these over-all figures in mind he will then have a general picture of how the Church spends its funds from year to year. The following data were made available at the time of the last April General Conference and so we ask two questions:

How big is the Church: how much money did it spend in 1952? These and many more interesting questions were answered when this statistic report of this nature was read to the April General Conference just adjourned.

How big is the Church? At the end of 1952 the figures stood at 1,189,053 of which about one-twelfth live in the missions of the Church.

How many converts accepted the Gospel in 1952? Converts baptized last year totalled 16,813, enough to fill to capacity the entire Tabernacle in Salt Lake City twice! Isn't that a wonderful addition? And there were also 69,010 children blessed for a total Church addition in the one year of 85,832.

The number of stakes in the Church has now gone over the 200 mark, (as of January 1, 1953, 202), and there were over 1500 (1562) wards and 202 independent branches in these 202 stakes. There are also 41 missions maintained by the Church. This gives about 550 members in each ward and branch of the Church on the average.

How much did the Church spend last year? You have to add two figures to get the total. First from the tithes of the Church the expenditures are reported as totalling $23,518,135, while another $23,000,044 was spent from funds originating in the stakes and wards and missions. That adds up to $46,526,181.

Where did the money go? The general administration of the Church's affairs in all the various offices calls for about 1000 persons on the employers' payroll. These salaries together with the living allowances and the traveling expenses of the General Authorities amount to less than one and a quarter million dollars, all coming, however, from nontithing income of the Church.

How much did the cost of chapels? The 1952 erection, remodeling, repair and maintenancing of stake and ward buildings amounted to

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SAN LEANDRO WARD

The Pioneering Spirit Is Spirit of Progress

By SHERLINE WEBSTER.

EVER ONWARD: The Spirit of pioneering has truly been prevalent in San Leandro Ward ever since we first began the remodeling of an old building three years ago into what is now a very desirable, yet modest meeting place. Improvements are still going forward in the continual upkeep of painting, redecorating and added equipment. So the work goes ever onward in temporal as well as spiritual things.

The progress of the missionary work is evident by the great results of the past months. We are missing our excellent choir these summer months and will be grateful for their return in the fall.

Many who attended MIA Conference report it was a most inspirational experience. A potluck dinner was held June 26 for the benefit of the welfare programs.

OAKLAND FOURTH

Ward Member Wins Heavyweight Champ

By Gerry Larson

From Greenland comes word that Harley Sanders has won the heavyweight boxing championship of the Air Force on that island. Harley and his older brother Marvin have both scheduled home their next stop sometime in August.

Thanks, Bro. Bob Sant, for his many years of service as director of the Mormon Male Chorus.

The primary has been reorganized; Irene Harris and counsellors, Blanch Henderson and Lorraine Baird released and Val Shield, Lynnette Verhaaren and Joanne Anderson sustained.

Leroy Craven, son-in-law of the Hendersons, has been a visitor while waiting shipment overseas. Bob Craven is at the same camp with Art Daniels of Dimond.

Stake Clerk William A. Stewart has been hospitalized as has Martha Behan, and Dora Lewis.

At our recent fast meeting Bonnie McAllister was confirmed and little Carolyn Johnson given a name and father's blessing.

To build our chapel, it is necessary for all of us to do some sacrificing as did our pioneer forefathers if we get the $10,000 within the next 60 days.

The 100 per cent records the boys of the Aaronic Priesthood and the girls of corresponding ages are making in attendance is certainly fine work.

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SAN FRANCISCO STAKE MEETINGS

JULY, 1953

Thursday 2nd—7 p.m.—Stake Melchizedek Pr. Committee.
7 p.m.—Stake Aaronic Pr. Committee.
7 p.m.—Stake Presidency and High Council.
Saturday 4th—6:30 p.m.—Baptismal Service at Stake House.
Sunday 5th—Fast Sunday.
Tuesday 7th—7:45 p.m.—Stake Presidency.
Sunday 12th—2:30 p.m.—Stake Welfare Meeting for Stake and Ward Welfare Committee.
Tuesday 14th—7:45 p.m.—Stake Presidency.
Thursday 16th—7 p.m.—Stake Melchizedek Pr. Committee.
7:45 p.m.—Heads of Auxiliary Organizations, Stake Presidency and High Council.
Monday 20th—7:45 p.m.—Monthly Stake Priesthood Meeting.
Tuesday 21st—7:45 p.m.—Stake Presidency.
Tuesday 28th—7:45 p.m.—Stake Presidency.

JULY STAKE EVENTS

Saturday 4th—Seventies Party.
Friday 24th—Interstake Dance at Richmond, Calif., Auditorium (6 Stakes).
Friday 24th—Primary Children's Pioneer Day Parade.

Leonard Love Inspires Audiences San Francisco Stake Conference

Five meetings constituted the San Francisco Stake Quarterly Conference held in San Francisco at the Stake House, 22nd Ave., and Lawton Streets, Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7. No representative of the General Authorities was assigned to the Conference. Elder J. Leonard Love of the General Welfare Committee was the visitor in attendance and in charge of the welfare program meetings.

Elder Love delivered powerful sermons and instructions. The need, value and accomplishments of the welfare program were pointed out and the saints admonished to act their own houses in order, to care for their own, and to assist the Church to fulfill its obligations to membership of the Church evermore throughout the welfare program.

Saturday, June 6, at 6:30 p. m., the first meeting (welfare) was held; at 8 the general priesthood session convened. Sunday at 10 the first general session met; at 3 a special Stake Presidency and High Council meeting was called, and the conference concluded with the closing general session at 6 p. m. Stake President Serge J. Lauper presided at all the session.

Speakers included presidents Serge J. Lauper, Ira I. Somers, and Wilford B. Murray, May Woo of the Chinese Mission, Elders Kent Peterson, San Francisco Ward, Delby Evans, visiting serviceman from New Mexico, High Council members, Ray Leo Jensen, Morrell George, and the newly sustained member J. Warren Davis, Elder Roger Hiatt of the presidency of the stake mission, and Sister Gladys R. Winn, president of the Stake Relief Society.

Special music for the conference was furnished by a San Rafael male quartette, San Francisco ward choir, and Sunset ward choir.

BALBOA SECOND

Sherelynn Roberts Earns MIA Award

By RUTH CHALLIS.

Sherilynn Roberts received the MIA Maid award recently. Congratulations.

Since the first month Balboa Second Ward was organized the ward teachers have averaged 60 per cent or better on the visits. This record is continually going up. The yreached 73 per cent this month.

Now second quorum of deacons organized with John Stull, president.

John Allison is new president of teachers' quorum.

Balboa Second Aaronic priesthood is taking care of the grounds at the Stake Welfare Center. 29 members were at a cleanup party at the corner with a weenie roast following.

May 26 the Relief Society had closing luncheon and program. They will meet the second Tuesday of every month during the summer.

MIA plans overnight hike July 10. Everyone invitedd.

Carol Burkholder, Coralynn Kennedy, Janet Ludwig are helping with Primary during the summer. First summer session of Primary held June 18 was a big success. Ella Stull is helping the girls with their afghan.

Ordinations: Melvin Taylor, deacon; Keith Baird, teacher.

Baptized: Georgia Lee Naylor, Grace Ransom, William John Baird, Richard Dean MacDonald.

We are going to miss the following who are moving from our ward: Rodney and Ethel McCoy, Cloral and Verna McDonald, Russell and Betty Jordan and their families.

Bishop's Message

July is pioneer month to Latter-day Saints. We are all pioneers of our own lives. We are searching for a new land. We are told it is over the hills of labor and valleys of despair but if we stay on our course we will find it, and through our experiences we will be able to endure its glory.

SUNSET WARD

Sunset Represented At June Conference

By ROXIE KANZLER.

Etta and Gideon Marquardt, with sons Dresden and Franz, Edward Patton and Nancy Raub attended June conference in Salt Lake City.

MIA organized as follows:

Young Ladies—President, Etta Marquardt; Act. Counselor, Madlyn Hunter; Sec., Iona Olesen; Ath. Sec., Edna Christiansen; Jr. Gleaner leader, Allice Patton; MIA Maids, Freida Raub; Guardian Bee Hive leader, Edith Kern and Gatherer, Laverne Ferrin.

Young Men—Gideon Marquardt, president; Keith Griffin, Act. Counselor; Sherman Draper,Sec.; Leroy Lambert, M Men Leader; Douglas Monroe, Jr. M Men; Esther Thompson, Special Interest; Allen Tuttle, Explorer Post Troop 32; Harry Raub, Scout Master; Assistant, Howard Cannan; chairman and institutional rep., Fred C. Kanzler; troop committeemen, Vern I. Terry, Darrel Smith, Sr., Evan Ray, Sr., Vern Hobson Ervin Fuller and Joe Scalmanini.

Attending the National Jamboree at Santa Anna representing some of the good work of Harry Raub are John Pyle Jim Kanzler, Darrel Smith, Evan, Floyd Reed, Charlie Fuller and William Shaw.

Outstanding Students

Ronald Broberg, a graduate from Polytechnic High School won atchievement award in Fine Arts presented by The Bank of America. Also the trophy of the school in Dramatics.

J. Bonner Ritchie graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School and was one of the valedictorians. He also won a membership in the California Scholarship Federation.

Bishop's Message

We are constantly reminded from many sources of our glorious liberty and abundant freedom in this our homeland of America. It is fitting as we commemorate this month, the anniversary of the birth of our great nation to again be admonished that we each have a definite responsibility to keep alive that fire of enthusiasm for under the protective arm of the those God-given rights of liberty Stars and Stripes. We join the great throng of MIA in support of the 1953 theme: "Abide ye in liberty wherewith ye are made free; entangle not yourselves in sin, but let your hands be clean, until the Lord comes."—D&C 88:86.

BALBOA WARD

Bldg. Fund Dinner Is Huge Success

By MABEL G. SIMISTER.

Building fund dinner and entertainment celebrating the final payment on the building lot, were greatly enjoyed by the 275 members and friends of Balboa Ward, who attended on June 5.

Graduating from Aptos High School June 11 was Judith Post, son and from Lincoln High on June 12 were Pearl Buckley and Ronald Forsey.

Sister Bessie Schettler spoke upon "Boy and Girl Relationships" when Balboa's 11 junior M Men and Gleaners combined with ours in a joint Fireside at the Stake House June 14.

Noteworthy Events

A luncheon was served when the Relief Society held their closing social May 27. Relief Society will continue to meet each second Wednesday in the capacity of a work meeting. About 50 Primary children enjoyed a picnic at Sigmund Stern Grove May 21. Summer Primary will be held at 10 a.m., Thursdays. A big crowd attended Mutual's Fun Night June 3, thus starting the MIA summer program.

Ordinances

Confirmed: Patricia Ruth Silberberg. Baby blessed; David Beck, secretary Junior Sunday Brian Dean. Sustained: Maud School.

Extend Best Wishes

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Marie Wheeler who recently returned home from the hospital. Good luck to Marilyn Allen as she joins husband Douglas who is stationed with the armed forces in Japan. Good luck to Corporal David H. Simister, who reports to Camp Stoneman July 1 for overseas duty to the Far Eastern command.

To the families who have left our ward we extend good wishes: To Brother and Sister Frank Young, Frank and Marilyn, who now reside in Salt Lake City. After spending six weeks at ROTC camp at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Frank will return to continue his studies at Stanford University. To Jimmy and Carmen Smith who have a new home in Mountain View. MIA officers in attendance at MIA June Conference in Salt Lake City were Val Weger, Sylvia Moulton, Adele Shaver and Dick Maurer. Friends of Lee Ashby were glad to welcome him during his May visit. Mary A. Cummings and her daughter, Mrs. Card and two grandchildren paid a two day visit to her son, Bishop R. John Cummings in the middle of June. Mary Keane recently spent two weeks at her home in Sweet Briar, California.

Chinese Member Relates Conversion

It is with deep gratitude that I stand here today to tell you how I became a Mormon.

Before I joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I had been baptized into the Lutheran church while I was still an infant, yet I had always associated myself with Baptists in my grammar and junior high school years. Thus my conception of Christianity was formed during this period of association with the Baptists. Although I knew that there were differences between the Lutheran and Baptist churches, I took it for granted that both of them were right. Only after Mormon missionaries had come to my home and had explained the gospel of Jesus Christ to me mindful did I realize that only one belief was acceptable.

I remember very well that when I first met two Mormon missionaries, who had come to my home to tell my parents, sisters, brothers, and me the visions of Joseph Smith, the Book of Mormon, the origin of the American Indians, and the restoration of Christ's church, I thought that their teachings were all false doctrines, since I had firmly believed that no one could see God and live. When they talked to me about baptism for the dead, I thought that this belief was totally absurd; and I was reluctant to admit that the ministers of other churches did not have authority from God, although I could not trace back the origins of their presumable authority.

However, I was interested in the Book of Mormon and I studied it quite diligently. At the same time, I had a fervent desire to find out for sure whether the Book of Mormon was true or not and whether Joseph Smith was a true prophet or not. Thus I prayed to God incessantly, asking Him for His divine guidance. Later I was fully convinced that baptism was an essential step in gaining eternal life, but I still doubted the necessity of baptism for the dead.

After much consideration and discussion with the missionaries for a period of at least two years, I was convinced that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only true church in this world. My desire of joining this church was fulfilled when my parents approved of my being baptized; thus I became a member on March the 28th, 1953.

Although, I believe, the power of the Holy Ghost was the main factor in giving me the religious belief I now have, the attitudes of the missionaries also gave me great inspirations. Their enthusiasm, their earnestness, and their love for the gospel helped me greatly in believing that the truth was with them.

Now I like to bear testimony that I know that the Church or Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is true, that Joseph Smith actually saw God, and that the Book of Mormon is also true. No one who has studied it can deny this fact. I do this humbly in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Signed—"May Woo".

Harmony Hills Starts Erection Of New Chapel

Harmony Hills is a Latter-day Saints settlement in an exclusive tract in the hills south of San Juan Bautista. It is a branch of 73 members in the San Jose Stake.

Settled by Oakland Stake, young married people in mid-1940's, Harmony Hills has now started work on a beautiful new chapel.

SAN FRANCISCO WARD

They're Home Again! College Again Out

With the end of the school season, San Francisco Ward welcomed home its native sons and daughters: Karma Wright, Darlene and Ramon Bassetti, Keith and Kendall Price, Brent and Gary Jones, Howard Ruff, and Richard Cook. With all the old "gang" back, you can look for some pretty lively activities for the next three months.

Primary will be held at 10 every Wednesday during the summer months.

The M.I.A. presented a "shipwreck party" June 26. The M Men & Gleaners made the hall look appropriate; a prize was given for the saltiest looking costume.

Richard Noyes was ordained a teacher; Paul Jolley and Kenneth Madson were advanced to become elders.

Ward membership recommends have been received for Richard Francis Farr, Gayle Ramona Farr, Ona Beatrice Price and George W. Shafer.

Sister Gertrude Mary Eaken Stull was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus hriCst of Latter-day Saints.

Belle Dutson is in St. Francis Hospital because of a fall and a broken hip. We extend love and sympathy for all the ward.

LIVERMORE BRANCH

New Members Are Welcomed By Livermore Saints

By DELLA B. McLAUGHLIN

Livermore is growing. Welcome the Macklin Abbots, the Frank Bjorklundy, the Fitzgeralde (Melba and Terry Jan), and the Martin Schwabs ,new members.

The Everette Berensens just returned home from Utah.

The Primary held a carnival for the children with all organizations having booths. All the booths were five cents and the response was wonderful. All the profit went to the branch. The Primary organization has had some changes too. Sisters Loa Mae Edgren, Eudora Montgomery, and Doris Sturgeon have been released, and Mary Nelson is the new second counciler in her place.

The Sunday School has a new second counciler now too. He is Br. John Edgren.

Our branch garden is coming along fine now. It was a little slow at first but with the change in weather the workers are having a hard time keeping up with the weeds. The vegetables have the upperhand though.

Albert Cooper has finished his home and moved in. A housewarming was held in honor of the occasion.

Our branch picnic was held the 26th of June. Fun and companionship was there in abundance.

SAN RAFAEL WARD

Col. Edward Gwynn, In NATO In France

BARBARA JEAN REYNOLDS.

Recently released from his duties as second counsellor to Bishop Roe, Colonel Edward Gwynn is now in France representing the Air Force JCA. Wife Beulah and children Ann, Robert and Linda will soon follow. Brother Juan J. Lynn will fill this position in the bishopric.

Brother and Sister Phay Ellison are moving to Cloverdale after years of activity here.

Changes in auxiliaries are as follows:

Relief Society—Released, President Beulah C. Gwynn, Ann Burgess, Betty Jones and Secretary Gladys Gilchrist. Sustained, new presidency Ann Burgess and Calmie Robinson, with Secretary Gladys Gilchrist.

Sunday School—Released, Superintendency, Claire Wilcox, Robert Kone, Clarence Argyle, and secretary, Joselyn Harris. Sustained: Superintendency Carl Coombs, Dale Norton, Richard Ryan and secretary, Joselyn Harris.

BYU STUDENTS

Vacationers include the Eldon Reids who are in Utah, Elayne having attended June Conference. BYU students home for the summer are Margaret Clark of Novato and Jacqueline Draper, a graduate, who will return to teach school in Provo. Ann Gwynn is remaining at the "Y" to study French.

Memorable Easter Sunday services initiated our almost completed chapel at Greenbrae.

Centerville Moves To New Quarters

The Centerville Branch presidency, Clyde W. Lindsay, Francis B. Winkle and James A. Robertson announce that beginning Sunday, June 7, 1953, the Centerville Branch now meets in the new Knights of Pythias hall, 2869 Thornton Avenue, Newark, Calif.

Sunday, 9 a.m.—Priesthood.
Sunday, 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School.
Sunday, 6:30 p.m.—Sacrament Service.
Tuesday, 10 a. m.—Relief Society.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.—Young Ladies' MIA.

Branch BYU May Come to California

By Jeanne McMaster

Jerry Long, clarinet virtuoso and teacher from Brigham Young University, played and spoke at our Sacrament service June 14th. He offered the possibility of an LDS university some time in California. Several hundred students from California now study at the BYU in Utah. Recently heard at Sacrament meetings were Brother and Sister La Grand Allen, lately returned from two and a half years mission in Holland, and a program presented by the Sunday School under Tommy Pugmire.

The Newark Auditorium on Thornton Avenue, Newark, is the new and improved meeting center of this branch.

Summer Programs

A summer crammed full of fun has started: Artis Cazier took her ten Sunday School pupils on a Hayward Plunge on June 5th for a swim and wiener roast; the Primary group enjoyed another such outing on June 16th; outgoing members held an initiation party to welcome the incoming Mia Maids at our new church headquarters Wednesday evening, June 17th. The Mia Maids sponsored a family outing at the Hayward Plunge June 20. The summer program for Primary will include two hours every afternoon: one for lesson study and one for activity, such as baseball, dancing, hikes and games.

Several branch skating parties are in the offing in conjunction with the San Leandro ward at the rink. Remember the dates: the evenings of June 23, July 28, August 25, and Sept. 22. Primary groups are still watching for the middle of July for their weekend at Santa Cruz. A wonderful weekend at Clear Lake is being planned by Guardian Beehive under Mary Campbell.

Special adult classes in ballroom dancing are being held without charge at the Hayward ward the evenings of June 16, July 14 and Aug. 11. An "Apron and Overall" Dance on June 26 in our new hall is being sponsored by the Sunday School to increase the Church building fund. There will be music by Jed Oxborrow's orchestra, refreshments, and fun for all.

Confirmations:

Confirmations and baptisms this month: Joseph Silver was baptized and confirmed on June 7. On May 30 Gage Thomas Borges and Lynn Allsop were ordained as deacons, and Arthur D. Gordon was ordained as a teacher.

Several of the younger group were confined briefly to the hospital this past month: Randy Blazier overdid himself with mumps, measles and convulsions, all at once, while Paul and Eric Anderson had operations for membrane tonsils. They have progressed nicely, thanks to doctors and visiting elders of our group.

Church Statistics

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nearly $10,000,000, while the ward and stake share of the building and building sites was an additional $1,000,000 in round numbers.

What does it cost to maintain the 41 missions? Missions and missionary work by the Church totalled for $4,600,000 from the tithing funds of the Church and an additional like amount expended by the wards and stakes for the purposes and for the auxiliaries and for recreation.

What educational expenses does the Church meet annually? In 1952 the Church maintained, besides the great BYU at Provo, the Ricks college in Idaho and the Juarez Stake Schools in Mexico, the McCune College of Music and Arts and the LDS Business college in Salt Lake City.

In addiiton to these there are 18 LDS Institutes of college grade and 134 seminaries of high school grade in the western states from Wyoming to California and from Canada to New Mexico.

The school activities cost the Church in 1952 $3,674,000 from the tithes while another $3,733,000 came from tuitions, dormitories, etc.

Eight temples must cost quite a bit to maintain. How much? The operation, construction work, repair and maintenance cost in 1952 was nearly $700,000 and another $154,000 which came from clothing rentals and other receipts.

And what of the cost of the Welfare work of the Church? From the tithing funds of the Church $1,573,803 was expended in the welfare work. This included such items: equipment, containers, commodities; operating all the bishops' storehouses and other welfare properties, committee expenses, care of the needy, such as rents ,light, fuel hospitalization burials.

37,849 persons were assisted in the United States and Canada, which was 2521 more than in 1941. In addition to this the stakes and wards spent from operating income little ever $2,000,000.

Pres. Mauss Reports Old Christian-Japanese Tradition

Vinal G. Mauss, president of the Japanese Mission, and former bishop of Oakland Ward, writes under a recent date line as follows:

"I am enclosing an interesting article about Christian traditions in Japan which recently appeared in one of our English printed newspapers here. I thought that perhaps it might be interesting reading for the Messenger.

"It has been my pleasure to visit several of these places . . . and I find that the traditions that are mentioned are (truly found there) and are most unusual an interesting.

"I feel that the blood of Israel is here in this land, probably coming from those who inhabited the South Sea Islands with Hagoth and others (mentioned) in Book of Mormon history. It is certainly interesting to note how readily some of the people here accept the Gospel. They themselves remark how true it sounded to them from the very beginning."

The article from President Mauss is from the "Nippon Times" of Sunday, October 29, 1950, as follows:

CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS OF AOMORI

By Kenji Nosaki)

(Translated from the monthly Maru).

There is a solitary village called Herai near Lake Towada on the border of Aomori and Akita Prefectures. . . . A number of years ago the world began to notice the village after reports had circulated that it has many Christian associations.

These things were recalled.

A mysterious religious rite is performed by the elders of the village at night once a year.

A pastoral custom obtains among the villagers, a custom that persumably originated with the ancient Hebrews.

The villagers place their dead in coffins with a cross inscribed on the lids.

The villagers have many traits which are supoed to have marked the "preserved race."

The villagers speak a dialect which is not easily understandable to others.

Not Only Village

But Herai is not the only village of the prefecture which is associated with ancient Christianity. In the village of Tatetsuki, not far from Heral, there is a tombstone preserved with the national emblem of Israel. A village tradition runs that the tombstone marks the place where there were two graves, the one containing ashes of Jesus and the other Mary's hair brought by Him to Japan.

The myth of Jesus having come to Japan is believed by many villagers. They are positive that Jesus was in Japan in His younger days. This would clear up the mystery surrounding His career while He was in His twenties.

The believer of the Jesus myth will point to another thing to show that Aomori is connected with early Christianity. It is what is known as Jacob's Well, located in the village of Ishikiriiho near Heral. Experts have decided that it has all the marks of an ancient Israelite well. A village tradition says that Jacob came to Japan from Egypt to dig the well.

Sang Hebrew Songs

In olden times Hebrew songs were popular among the residents of the neighborhood of Jacob's Well. These songs were sung by young men and women in village plazas at night in celebration of the Obon Festival. One of these songs strongly reminds one of the marching songs that were sung by the Israelites on their eastward march.

There are many traditions in Japan tending to show that Moses came to the Japanese shores. An ancient Japanese books tells of the existence of Moses' grave in Ishikawa Perfecture. . . . In the early years of Meiji it was said that an ancient Israelite tribe came to settle in Japan.

Regarding the emblem of Israel or David, it has been in use in Japan from ancient times. The emblem, believed to have been introduced to Japan during the eastward movement of the Israelites, is sewn on the clothes of newborn babies. An observant eye finds the emblem on relics of ancient buildings in the Tohoku district.

Origin In Israel

Some rites performed by the residents of the Ryukyu islands and the annual bean-throwing ceremony observed in Japan at the beginning of the new year according to the old calendar to ward off evil spirits, are said to have originated in ancient Israel.

The Kansai district has its own Israelite relics. At the Uzumasa temple, Uzumasa, Kyoto, there is an old well, which experts are agreed is Israelite.

In the famous Kasuga Shrine in Nara there is preserved a triangular flag with Hebrew characters on it. A certain priest at the shrine explained that it was brought to Japan by the Israelite tribe.

In a pastoral song sung by dents of Miyakonojo, Kyushu when at work at groups, is anything to go by, the Takachiho district where the descendants of the sun goddess are said to have come down from heaven has connection with the Israelites. The song, according to to experts, is in Hebrew, and reads: "I am Jehovah. I am Jehovah. I Jehovah, give this land to you. I am Jehovah."

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In a broad sense, education is the operation of all the forces that act upon a person from without to influence the way in which he thinks, feels and behaves.

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Education in this broad sense is divided into formal and informal education. Formal education refers to the schools of all kinds; to all classes for study in regular, planned instruction.

Informal education refers to all those impressive lessons of life which are learned on the playground, in the home, at work, in trade-training, in religious experiences, and in civic and community associations. It includes that education which we say we receive from the great school of experience. Most of our life's important lessons are learned through informal education. But formal education is also very important. It gives us our acquaintance with much of the heritage of the past.

EDUCATION THROUGH THE CHURCH

Our Church associations are potent educational potentials thru friendships and participation in the duties and the recreation. The most powerful educational offering of the Church is the development of spirituality. Deep inner convictions and experiences of the presence of God, and the steadying effect this has regarding one's living to the high ideals of the Gospel—these are the most dynamic controls to the way we think, feel and behave.

The Church has also always stressed the need for all the good formal education we can get from schools and study. The Latter-day Saints have ever stood foremost in this from pioneer days to the present. No state in the Union excells Utah in the matter of educational achievements. In May, 1935, again nationally known eastern educators are declaring Utah's devotion and achievements in education are no where excelled in this country or abroad.

JEWS MOST LITERATE OF ANCIENT PEOPLES

The Compton's Encyclopedia says, "The only people of antiquity who attempted to teach everyone to read were the Jews. About 500 B. C. they established their first schools but of course they were aimed for the few who were to become the religious leaders of the nation. Parents were charged from the first to teach their children the Mosaic laws and by 200 B. C. parents were required to teach their children to read.

"It is likely," continues the article on education in the encyclopedia, "that the Jews were by far the most literate of ancient peoples." Thus belief in the individual's worth in the sight of God was the fire which actuated this chosen people to aim at universal literacy.

Be a Columbus To Whole New Continents And Worlds Within You

Thoreau once wrote these challenging sentences:

"Be a Columbus to whole new continents and worlds within you, opening new channels, not of trade, but of thought."

"Every man is the lord of a realm besides which the earthly empire of a Czar is but a petty state, a hummock left by the ice."

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Perhaps one in the field of scientific research would point to an Einstein as a Columbus "opening up new channels, not of trade but of thought."

Or among inventions Edison would be cited as such a Columbus.

In the realm of philosophy, Plato, Emerson and Dewey; in literature, Homer, Shakespeare and Milton.

In religion, no doubt Enoch, Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Daniel and Paul are examples of Columbuses of new truth.

Supreme among all other "lords of the realm of knowledge who opened "new continents and worlds within, not of trade but of thought," stands the Mastermind and Supersoul, Jesus the Christ.

Joseph Smith is no doubt the truthbearer supreme of the modern world. He left a key, a clear statement from the Almighty regarding the mental and spiritual, the mortal and the divine combination that opens the soul within every man to "whole new continents and worlds" of new truth. Two seps, he wrote:

"Behold, you must study it out in your mind . . . .

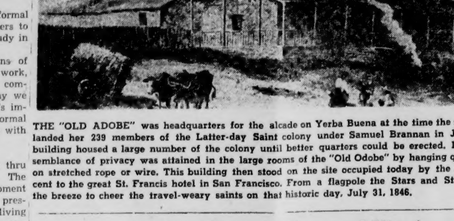
"Then ye must ask God . . . ."

These steps were necessary in the revelation by the kindly chiding which is still warning to our "lazy-minded" selves:

"Behold, you have not understood; you have supposed that I would give it unto you, when you took no thought save it were to ask me."

Let every Latter-day Saint seek to gain new insights to truth in all fields of thought.

The "Old Adobe" in San Francisco Housed the Ship Brooklyn Saints



THE "OLD ADOBE" was headquarters for the alcade on Yerba Buena at the time the ship "Brooklyn" landed her 239 members of the Latter-day Saint colony under Samuel Brannan in July 1846. This building housed a large number of the colony until better quarters could be erected. It is told that a semblance of privacy was attained in the large rooms of the "Old Odobe" by hanging quilts and sheets on stretched rope or wire. This building then stood on the site occupied today by the park now adjacent to the great St. Francis hotel in San Francisco. From a flagpole the Stars and Stripes floated in the breeze to cheer the travel-weary saints on that historic day, July 31, 1846.

Book of Mormon News and Views

THOMAS STUART FERGUSON.

Until a few years ago the ambassador from the Central American republic of Guatemala to the United States was the distinguished scholar, Adrian Recinos. The ambassador is a gifted linguist and one of the few scholars who knows the Maya tongue (which is so important in Book of Mormon research). He is a linguist, archaeologist and ethnologist. For 16 years (1928-1944) he was ambassador to the United States. In 1942 George Washington University of our nation's capital bestowed its highest honor upon him, the honorary doctor of laws degree. Now retired, Senor Recinos lives in Guatemala City where he pursues his linguistic and archaeological hobbies. (I'll vouch that they are dandy hobbies—they're mine too.)

In 1950 two of the most important Maya books ever written appeared in print, thanks to the translating of Recinos—who translated them from the Maya tongue into Spanish. I refer to the Popol Vuh and the Totonicapan, sixteenth-century Maya books, both of which give strong support to the Book of Mormon. Both refer to the great voyage of the early colonizers of Guatemala from a point in the ancient Near East known as Tulan, and Tulan is expressly stated to have been at the borders of the Babylonian empire. Of course, Jerusalem, capital of Israel, was at the western border of Babylonia when Lehi and Nephi left Jerusalem. The colonizers are also said, in these Maya books translated by Recinos, to have been of the house of Israel, to have been led to the New World by God and to have made the voyage by sea with divine guidance—all in close accord with Nephi's account in the first 17 chapters of The Book of Mormon. Possibly the most striking parallel is the reference in the Totonicapan account (written in 1554 in Maya) to a divine instrument that was used in the transoceanic voyage of the colonizers from Israel.

Recinos does not translate the name of the divine instrument in his book. In the Nephite record the instrument is called the Liahona, as most Mormons know. In the Totonicapan record it's called the Giron Gagal. So I wrote Recinos a letter recently and asked him if he knew the meaning of "Giron Gagal." I also sent him a copy of my book, written jointly with Dr. Milton R. Hunter, "Ancient America and The Book of Mormon." In the book, we draw parallels using translations by Recinos, setting up parallel quotations from The Book of Mormon right alongside of the Maya statement. Here is the first letter received from Recinos—this one before he had seen "Ancient America and The Book of Mormon."

Dear Sir:—I received some days ago your letter which I have read with interest. **Your reference to the parallel between the Titulo de Totonicapan and the Book of Mormon is very important.** I certainly will read with special attention your book on Ancient America which you announce in your letter and which I expect any day now.

The letter continues:

"As to the meaning of the words Giron Gagal which appear in the Guatemalan manuscripts, I regret to be unable to give you any additional information. All I know about them has been said in my editions of the Popol Vuh and the Totonicapan document. I wish to thank you for your letter and for your references to my work and I will be glad to hear about the progress that you make in your investigations on the important subject of the origins of the ancient people of Mexico and Guatemala. Sincerely yours, Adrian Recinos."

The next letter received from Recinos is also of interest. It is as follows:

Dear Sir—Your book, "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon,' came a few days ago and I have been reading it with great interest and pleasure. **The correlation that you have found between the Indian documents from Guatemala and the Book of Mormon is remarkable** and points to an ancient and common origin of the people **who settled in the center of this continent in the distant past."**

Recinos goes on to say:

"I hope that the expedition which is working in Tabasco there he refers to the expedition of the New World Archaeological Foundation), to which you refer in your letter finds some additional evidence that already gathered in that region by the archaeologists as to the provenance of the Maya and other people of Middle America. Thanking you for sending your interesting book, I am, Sincerely Yours, Adrian Recinos."

Things are certainly looking upward as far as Book of Mormon research goes. Men who know what they are talking about are beginning to claim as their mysterious and wonderful book, that was delivered to the world by a 24-year-old country boy at a time of general ignorance as to matters dealt with in The Book of Mormon with considerable respect. Perhaps we Mormons had better study the book a bit more.

People sometimes ask how I find time to study the Book of Mormon. One suggestion: give it the same amount if time you give the daily newspaper. If you do, you'll get so interested in it that you will read it in preference to the newspaper. And you'll learn a lot more that will be of value to you and your family.

I have started corresponding with some Carnegie archaeologists whom I met in Mexico in May of this year. At that first encounter, the archaeologists asked me to discuss with them The Book of Mormon. After the discussion they indicated they'd like to do some reading in connection with the Nephite record. They now have the material to read—and I may have their reactions for a next month.

A number of your readers who sent in the sum of $1.00 for the very important BYU publication of Book of Mormon evidence have not yet received their copy. Well—more orders came in than we had booklets. A new supply is expected any day and we'll mail yours when they arrive. If you want a copy and haven't ordered it, send $1.00 to NWAF, Dr. Irving Lane, Orinda, California, or to the Editor of the Messenger, 1612 Spruce Street, Berkeley.

A LETTER FROM DAD

By E. L. HOWARD (San Francisco Stake).

Pal of mine: Your question about the welfare program shows fine thinking on the subject. I was interested in your reference to the young man, Joseph, using seven fat years to feed the lean during the seven lean years. I agree, son, that the immediate objective of the welfare program is to supply the needy and to prepare for the needs of tomorrow. Yet, there is a greater purpose. The First Presidency said the primary purpose was to set up a system under which the "curse of idleness would be done away with . . . and independence, industry, thrift and self-respect be once more established among our people . . . . Work is to be reenthroned as the ruling principle of the lives of our Church membership."

Consider Joseph again. Measure his life against the aims of this program. You will see that God does not in this case deal in blessings with men. When we first hear of Joseph he is seventeen, a spoiled, haughty child so hated by his brothers that the first time they get him away from his dad they plot to kill him. Only a compromise with reluctant Reuben saves his life. He is sold into Egypt. We next see him in the household of the captain of the Pharaoh's guard. Here he, the favored son of a rich sheikh, begins a new and strange life as a slave.

But Joseph was a hard working servant, and honest. He rose to prominence. We next see him in every detail of his master's estate. Only the captain's wife "hath he not committed into my hand." She was his undoing and he was cast unjustly into prison.

It was not long ,however, until he was given full charge of the dealings with the prisoners in the king's prison. Here he learned to deal humbly and with understanding with all sorts of men.

Thirteen years after he was sold to slavery Joseph stood before the Pharaoh. The king had a dream and Joseph had the answer. He painted a frightening picture of famine for the pharaoh, BUT, in the next breath Joseph outlined a welfare program that would keep the nation at work and eating. Gathering and storing of supplies was the principal project. Joseph started on what you describe as a "vast welfare project."

Joseph's own welfare project began the day he arrived in Egypt. His life of idleness ended. He learned industry, thrift and gained self-respect in those 13 years of servitude. Now as the governor of Egypt he had seven more years to prepare for the famine of which God through him had given warning.

Joseph learned his lessons well. He knew men have to become humbled in spirit and circumstance to appreciate the great thing God places in their welfare programs. As governor, Joseph could have given his family anything. He humbled them, forgave them and returned their self-respect by insisting they find an important place in the economy of Egypt.

Yes, son, in the life of Joseph you will find the object of welfare developed to the highest perfection.

The folks send their love with mine.—Dad.

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"While we are educating our children in all that may be called the beautiful in science and art, we should not fail to insist that they shall learn to do practical things, and that they do not despise the common labors of life.

"Any other course towards them is an injustice to the boys and girls, as well as to ourselves and the community in general. . . I believe the morals of the people would be in better keeping if workmanship and productive labors is acquired. . .

"Thus, while not decrying education in the aesthetic sense, I think it is a serious duty developing upon parents and those who have educational matters in hand to provide a supplemental if not a coordinate course in practical labor for every boy and girl, which shall make them proficient in handiwork, and enable them to expend their powers in the production of something for the material use and benefit of man." Improvement Era Vol. 6, January 1903, p. 229.

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BERKELEY SECOND WARD

Berkeley 2nd Ward Gets Own Primary

By ANNA LEA SPENCER.

This month marks the beginning of the Berkeley Seventy Ward Primary, with president, Margaret Owens, counselors, Phyllis Daniels and Geraldine Gaisford and secretary Margaret Wilson. Summer Primary, Wednesdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Welcome into our Church our three newest confirmed members, Carol Meredith, John Price Ball, Kenneth Burtelson; Lettie and Aendell Hale and their children: Wayne, Ann Marie, Blair and Jeanine.

Congratulations to Cliff Boyack who received an Ed. D. in Education from UC, May 31, 1953. We welcome home from the BYU, Joanne Briggs, Steve Barrett and John Franz.

Harold De La Mare and Cline Black have just been called to the stake mission. Janet Balmforth has been released and Olea Woolf sustained counsellor in the Relief Society.

Troop Reunion

On June 19, Troop 8 had a reunion for its "alumni," with Ken Odell and Lew Rowland in charge. A rare exhibit of a 1911 first edition Handbook was on display.

Kenneth Shepherd (our smiling MIA president) in San Francisco, was general chairman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Fifth International Congress held in San Francisco June 20-27 for 600-800 delegates from 40 countries. Ken was MC for the opening session Sunday, June 21, over CBS. Harold E. Stassen being the guest speaker.

Ken is accountant manager for the California and Hawaiian Sugar Refining Corporation. Born in Marysville, Idaho, in 1922, Ken attended three universities: Arizona, Washington, UC at Los Angeles and BYU. In 1949 he received an MSA degree from Stanford.

A party in honor of Roberts and Earl Arnott was given by Lucile and Bill Cain.

CONCORD WARD

Ground Is Broken For Our New Chapel

By Netta C. Skidmore

Concord Ward broke ground for the Chapel on Saturday, June 20. The ward is only about 17 months old. Our membership has more than doubled.

Not quite a year ago six acres of walnut land was purchased on Concord Blvd., off Farm Bureau road. This is now paid for.

Eight new members of the Mt. Diablo school system will have moved into Concord Ward by the end of the month.

Yesterday evening, June 14, was a farewell meeting for Robert and Natalie Sant. They have been active and loyal workers for many years; we will miss their musical contributions. "Bob" organized and has led the Mormon Male Chorus since it began over twenty years ago.

Brother and Sister Sant and Judy Petersen were the speakers. Music was rendered by the newly formed choir and the women's group that Sister Sant has organized.

The choir sang "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." Before the song, Sister Gertha Brown dedicated this song to the Sants and gave many lovely thoughts.

Baptisms

We welcome into our ward Charlene and Ed Bosler and Betty Maynard. They were baptized and confirmed in July.

Primary

A double shower was held for Norma Fackeral and Leone Johnson at the home of Rue England given by the Primary presidency.

Relief Society

Relief Society met at the home of Sister Marian Dansie June 9, for their first summer work and business meeting and social. The next one is to be held July 14 at the home of Sister Wilma Lee.

Sister Natalie Sant, first counselor in Reief Society, was guest of honor at an evening social at Sr. Marie Barbers.

Sunday School

The Junior Sunday School has now moved into its beautiful new quarters.

Welcome into the Jr. Sunday School three new teachers: Barbara Pearson, Virginia Bates and Barbara Pemberton.

Mutual

The M. I. A. had a weenie roast at Pacheco Park June 16. Baseball and other games were enjoyed.

June 27 a dance for the teenagers of the Pleasant Hills, Martinez, Walnut Creek, Pittsburg and Concord wards was held in the Concord Elementary all purpose room.

MARTINEZ WARD

Ward Picnic Held At Rankin Grove

By Alva May Forsythe

The Martinez Ward picnic at Rankin Grove was attended by 125, including Bishop Burt Guymon and family from Stockton, the Ralph Clarks from Vallejo, and Apol Parker ,the Owen Cooks and Barbara Peterson from Concord. The Sunday evening reunion service was unique, being thrown open for a panel discussion.

Girls of Martinez excel in a growing attendance at all meetings. Their April record exceeded the stake average from 18 to 27 points.

Our Mia Maids were the only group in the stake privileged to be the "Rose Bouquet," June 2. Paricipating were Jean Cook, Merrlyn Evanson, Bernna Polson, Jay Bradeen, Joan Duke, and Diane Bybee. Sister Ellen Welcher being leader.

The junior Gleaners class election results show Shirley Perrins, president; Jacqueline Hughes, chairman Ways and Means; Sherrill Perrins, social chairman, and Curlu Polson, awards chairman

Personal Notes

Joy Bradeen was baptised in June.

Shirley Perrins and Carlu Paulson won scholarships at Alhambra high and Judy Knowles, a junior, was chosen 1953-54 head of Girl's Athletic Association cabinet. Willard Knowles, former bishop and now superintendent of Martinez schools, made the awards.

Wilson Wadsworth, a junior at San Jose State and son of Mabel Wadsworth, will serve as full-fledged reporter of the newspaper, Contra Costa Gazette.

Relief Society

Our new president is our beloved Hattie Vorn Dorp. Lora Skidmore, outgoing president, entertained at a luncheon for all officers and teachers who have served with her.

Primary

Summer sessions meet 9:30 to 11:30 on Thursdays. The summer highlight is the Stake Primary Diamond Jubilee to be held at Concord July 25.

The Genealogical Committee will visit and work at the San Francisco library on genealogical records the second Wednesday of every other month. All urged to join the trek. See Grant Shaw for details.

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Philo Farnsworth, the "Marconi of television," returned to his native Utah June 30 as guest of honor of the Utah Broadcasters Assn., at their annual banquet in Hotel Utah's Lafayette Ballroom.

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History Briefs: LDS In Alameda

By Amelia Everett.

The three Hunt families claim the distinction of being the first Mormon settlers in Alameda. W. B. and E. J. Hunt, brothers, brought their families to Alameda in 1909.

The branch of the church met in Oakland, presided over by Norman B. Phillips. The Hunt girls were teachers in Sunday School. Mrs. E. J. (or Rebecca) followed Sister Phillips as Relief Society president. Mrs. W. B. (Martha Medora) was the third president, serving for six years.

W. W. Hunt, son of W. B., arrived in Alameda with his family in 1911. Mrs. W. W. (Katie) was not a Mormon when they came but she attended Relief Society meetings and caught the spirit, joined the Church and became the first Relief Society president when Alameda Branch was organized in 1932.

Clair Hunt, now in our Sunday School superintendency, is a son of W. W. and Katie. Seven months old when his parents came here, he now has a sturdy family of five who are credible representatives of our first settlers.

The J. B. J. Hawkley family came next. Then the Tuttles (of whom the Fanny T. Bessie family remain); the Arnold Shurtleffs; now of Dimond; the Danvers; the Tidwells and Gene Vincent, the latter is still here), who were among the first settlers. All were active in Oakland Branch and were here to help when the first Alameda LDS Sunday School was organized February, 1924. Wm. F. Everett helped as a member of the Branch Presidency but he did not move here until 1925.

Alameda became a branch Feb. 1932, with Leo Crandall president. He also became first Bishop of Alameda Ward with Oscar Fontano and Peter Borup as counselors. They started the building fund and selected the building site on Encinal and Grand.

The second and third bishops, Wendell Jensen, 1938-1944, and John Rooks, 1944-46, tried many schemes for increasing the building fund.

In November, 1946, under our fourth bishop—Thys Winkel, the building project boomed. Camp Shoemaker a Navy Officers' Club building was purchased for $3600. In four months the ward members had it torn down and moved, and enough of the material sold to pay cost of the building with plenty left for our needs.

Chapel ground breaking exercises were held March 25, 1948; dedication of beautiful Alameda Chapel came June 26, 1949. Our sixth bishop—Francis Winkel, young brother of Thys, was energetic and inspiring.

Our seventh and present bishop is Arnold Bangerter, under whom a record for ordinance work has been made.

Walnut Creek

The Seagull Class of the Walnut Creek Primary held their graduation Services with Melanie Byrne, Sidney Simpson, Carol West, and Cynthia Hawkins as graduates.

Clifford Tweter, a Guide in the Walnut Creek Primary, received Graduation Certificate and was presented to Bishop Robert G. Larsen for advancement into the Aronic Priesthood May 24.

Skousen Pens Powerful Book

A fascinating new book by the noted Utah educator, W. Cleon Skousen, is off the presses. Skousen, faculty member of the BYU at Provo, and author of "Phophecy and Modern Times," has compiled a book entitled, "The Challenge of Our Times," in which vital and fundamental truths are reaffirmed.

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RODEO BRANCH NEWS

Young Delta, Utahns, Visit Rodeo Friends

By W. F. ELLSWORTH.

Mrs. Marie Morrell, Misses Kay Moody, Janet Bunker, Bonnie Riding, Helen Law, Rachael Jeffery, Betty Leavitt, and Ila Fullmer, Glen's sister, all from Delta Utah, motored to Rodeo recently for a short visit.

Glenn Fullmer, a former missionary in and near Rodeo, returned here Sunday, May 31, and spoke at the evening sacrament service. He has been restored to health from a serious illness.

Miss Dorothy Wanlass, daughter of Branch President and Mrs. Ruel Wanlass, a student at BYU, is home for the vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thirl Stanworth and family of Pinole are vacationing in Delta, Utah. He is an employee of the Hercules powder plant.

With regret we say goodbye to Clark Fails, his wife, Adrien, and son Willis, who are moving to Concord.

Sisters Ed Lane, Clark Fails, and Cleon Fitt Tormey, attended the June MIA conference in Salt Lake City.

At the close of the season the Rodeo Branch Relief Society enjoyed a luncheon at hotel El Nido Ranch in Lafayette.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lewis and family are moving to Richmond this week and will be greatly missed in our branch. Both have been very active and helpful.

Rose Mary Lewis is spending her vacation in Modesto.

Berkeley Second: A daughter, Kay, to Leonore and Ray Robinson, June 4. A son, David to Roma and Calvin Kuhre.

PLEASANT HILL WARD

Ground Broken; Chapel Is Coming

By DORA FRIEDRICH.

The first shovelfuls of earth for our two-ward chapel were turned Saturday morning, June 20, by Bishops Joseph Roy Hilton of Pleasant Hill Ward, Robert Larsen of Walnut Creek Ward and Mayor Joseph Bell of Walnut Creek.

In order to hasten the day of dedication ,the finance committee urges the continued and wholehearted support by each of us with regular payment of pledges.

Bishop's Message

The strength of the Church is the willingness of members to do their share of the Lord's work. When given an opportunity to serve we should not think "someone else will do it," but rather we should say to ourselves "this is the Lord's work—if I don't do it, it may not get done.

Your support of the Lord's work, whether building chapels, paying building funds, tithes, etc., or living a daily life in harmony with Church's teaching is between you and your God. Never let another's failure may be an excuse for you to fail also.

May we so support our Chapel building program that we can attend the dedication knowing we have done our part. May we so live that we can go to our Maker with the peaceful knowledge that we have kept his commandments all our days.

Past Events

A two-ward outing held at Crow Canyon Park proved fun for all.

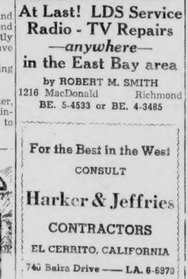
A picnic, contests and games was held for both wards at the Walnut Creek Recreation Park following the ground-breaking ceremonies.

The two-day ward sponsored welfare rummage sale was a success.

Primary

Maurine Perona is returning to her post as Primary president after an absence of several months. Many thanks to Dorothy Oram for her fine work as acting president.

Jo Anne Rhodes, greeter at Junior Sunday School, is recuperating following surgery.



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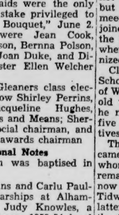
es. Taylor Predicted Saints Would ad World in Education as in Religion

e Pioneers of Utah whose anniversary the saints celebrate each were truly great educational philosophers. They reflect he d scope and the depth of the philosophy of the Restored Gospel e the role intelligence plays in man's welfare here and his eterdestiny.

We present on this July anniversary of their founding the Great e empire two symposiums of the first two presidents of the ch in Utah, namely Brigham Young and John Taylor. the one hooled. the other well schooled in youth.

Let the reader not hurry over this material from their sermons, ponder it. Therein probably lies one reason Utah leads the na today in its public school accomplishments and also in the proonate number of LDS names in lists of famous men of science in such books as "Who's Who."



Pres. Young Expounded Doctrine To Excel In Arts And Sciences

President Brigham Young

Mind Training Enjoined

What noble concepts of human refinement are here presented from the sermons of President Young.

"Let us train our minds until we delight in that which is good, lovely, and holy, seeking continually after that intelligence which will enable us effectually to build up Zion . . . and every convenience and necessity to embellish and beautify, seeking to do the will of the Lord all the days of our lives, improving our minds in all scientific and mechanical knowledge, seeking diligently to understand the great design and plan of all created beings. . ."

. . . "What is it (education) for? The improvement of the mind; to instruct us in all arts and sciences, in the history of the world, in the laws of nations; to enable us to understand the laws and principles of life."

. . . "Every accomplishment, every polished grace, every useful attainment in mathematics, music, and in all sciences and art belong to the Saints, and they should avail themselves as expeditiously as possible of the wealth of knowledge the sciences offer to every diligent and persevering scholar."

Education on Plains, Pioneers Took Books

Historian Levi Edgar Young records of the education on the plains while the pioneers were on their way to Utah:

"While on the plains the 'Mormon' emigrants taught their children. We have accounts of how they were assembled at times for the purpose of learning from some good teacher the leading facts of history or geography. In fact, education in Utah began on the plains, for the people had been admonished by Pres. Young to continue the spirit of education that had been developed in the beautiful city of Nauvoo in the state of Illinois. They had maintained schools there and had organized a university.

In 1847 an epistle was issued to the people when they were encamped upon the banks of the Missouri River in which Brigham Young said:

"It is very desirable that the Saints should improve every opportunity of securing at least a copy of every valuable treatise on education—every book, map, chart, or diagram that may contain interesting, useful, and attractive matter, to gain the interest of children, and cause them to love to learn to read; and also every historical, mathematical, philosophical, geographical, geological, astronomical, scientific, practical, and all other variety of useful and interesting writing, maps, etc., to present to the general church recorder, when they shall arrive at their destination, from which important and interesting material may be gleaned to compile the most valuable works on every science and subject, for the benefit of the rising generation.

"We have a printing press, and anyone who can take good printing or writing paper to the valley will be a blessing to themselves and to the Church. We also want all kinds of mathematical instruments, together with all rare specimens of natural curiosity and works of art."

Pioneers Looked Far: While Clearing Land They Opened Schools

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Zion To Excel In Learning

You will see the day that Zion is far ahead of the outside world in everything pertaining to learning of every kind as are today in regard to religious matters.

You mark my words, and write them down and see if they do not come to pass. We are dependent upon them (the outside world) . . . we are more dependent upon the Lord. We do not get our knowledge nor our information in regard to his law from them. It is from God . . . "—John Taylor.

Critique of Knowledge

Now, then, if men, without such of the advantage of what is termed education in this world, be filled with the Spirit of God, and the revelations of the Holy Ghost can comprehend the relationship of man to God, can know their duties and can teach a people, a nation, or a world how they may be saved and obtain thrones, principalities, powers and dominions in the eternal worlds—if men can understand these principles and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost and the revelations of the Host High, and are enabled to place them before the people so that they can comprehend them, then I say we are the men of education—the men of intellect—the men who are calculated to bless and enrich the human family.

This is the kind of education that we want, and the more simple those principles can be conveyed the better. They are more adapted to the wants and intelligence of the human family. . . .

Do you repudiate education, then? No—not at all. I personally appreciate all true intelligence, whether moral, social, scientific, political, or philosophical. But I despise the folly they hang on to and the folly that they often call education." Sermon, September 20, 1857.

Intelligence Comes From God

"All intelligence that men possess on the earth, whether religious, scientific, or political, proceeds from God. Every good and perfect gift proceeds from Him, the fountain of light and truth, wherein there is no variables or shadow of turning. O, the folly of men in not acknowledging God in all things, in laying aside God and his religion and trusting in their own intelligence and judgment."—John Taylor.

We Cannot Afford Not To Pay and Hold Competent Teachers

"We need to pay more attention to educational matters and do all we can to procure the services of competent teachers. Some people say we cannot afford to pay them. You cannot afford not to employ them. We want our children to grow up intelligently, and to walk abreast of any nation. God expects us to do it; and therefore, I call attention to this matter.

"I have heard intelligent, practical men say that it is quite as cheap to keep a good horse as a poor one, or to raise good stock as inferior animals.

"Is it not also quite as cheap to raise good, intelligent children as poor children in ignorance?"—Sermon, May 19, 1883.—John Taylor.

Scope of Education

God expects Zion to become the praise and glory of the whole earth, so that kings, hearing of her fame, will come and gaze upon her glory. God is not niggardly in his feelings towards us. But he wants us to observe his laws and fear him and ,standing as messengers, to go forth to the nations clothed with the power of the priesthood . . . seeking the welfare and happiness of our fellowmen . . .

"This being the case, we ought to foster education and intelligence of every kind; cultivate literary tastes; and men of literary and scientific talent should improve that talent; and all should magnify the gifts which God has given unto them.

"Educate your children and seek for those to teach them who have faith in God and in His promises, as well as intelligence.

If there is anything good and praiseworthy in morals, religion or science or anything calculated to exalt and enoble man, we are after it. But with all our getting, we want to get understanding, and that understanding that flows from God.—Sermon, August 4, 1878. John Taylor.

Truth Expands the Soul

"Truth and intelligence have a tendency to enlarge the capacity, to expand the soul, and to show man his real position—his relationship to himself, and to his God, both in relation to the present and the future, that he may know how to live on the earth and be prepared to mingle with the Gods in the eternal worlds.—September 20, 1857. John Taylor.

En Rapport With God

"I remember talking with some celebrated scientists from Europe some time ago and I explained to them some of the principles relative to the heavenly bodies that were revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith. They were astonished to know tha ideas so grand could be developed through one that was comparatively unlearned. One of them remarked that they were the most magnificent principles that he had ever heard of.

"We (the Saints) are, as he French would say, 'en rapport' with God; that is, in communication with God. Let us live so that we can keep that up, so that angels can minister to us and the Holy Ghost dwell with us."—Sermon April 13, 1879.—John Taylor.

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Berkeley - Claremont Announce Summer Mutual Activities

July 7: Class Night, 7:30 p. m. (Joint activity with Claremont).

July 14: Movie, Berkeley Ward Recreation Hall, 7:30 p.m. "The Swiss Family Robinson." (Joint activity with Claremont).

July 21: Swimming Party, (Ber-sing one song with the chorus and keley only), at Albany Pool 8 to 10 p.m. Cost 20c per person. The pool will be open to the public as well as to ward members.

July 23: Swimming party (for Claremont only). Same arrangements as shown for July 21.

July 28: Dance Night, Berkeley Ward Recreation Hall, 7:30 p.m. Joint Saint's leaving, the Male Chorus activity with Claremont and Ber-devoted this last rehearsal to making a tape recording of favorite selections which, together with a tape recorder, was presented to Brother Sant during the evening's program.

Remarks By President Wright

Oakland Stake led others at the meeting in paying tribute to Brother Sant for his constant devotion to the Mormon Chorus and the missionary work which he has been accomplished by the Chorus under Brother Bob's direction and inspiration.

Our Male Chorus was organized over 20 years ago when members of male quartets in Dimond Ward and Oakland combined to furnish the music for a conference and a radio program which was produced by Brother I. B. Ball.

Robert Sant, Director Male Chorus, Leaving

A most successful season was concluded on Monday, June 1, 1953 when our Male Chorus held its final rehearsal at Dimond Ward. In addition to the regular rehearsals present, many of the Swiss Family Robinson." (Join- former members of the chorus appeared to talk over old times, to Brother Robert S. Sant.

A leader of the Mormon Male Chorus for 20 years, Brother Sant of Concord Ward now leaves the Bay Area to accept a new position with his company in Sacramento. On the occasion of Brother Sant's leaving, the Male Chorus

Pittsburg Ward Began In Mellor's Home

Alarmed because there was then in Pittsburg no LDS service for their growing family to attend, the Mellors contacted Martinez, and were instrumental in having two elders sent to Pittsburg. The first meetings were held in the home of the Mellors, in 1926, with only the Mellors, their family, and the Elders in attendance.

Brother Mellor was the first president of the branch, eventually obtaining a store by the Pittsburg Post Office for meetings. By this time members of the church included Jeanette Wheeler, the Olneys, the Mabeys, and Mrs. Pugmire.

Residents of Pittsburg

In 1929 Pittsburg was a dependent branch of Martinez and Leslie Mortenson succeeded Pres. Mellor. Succeeding him in turn were Preston Maughan, who served in this capacity until he died a year and a half later, Dr. Reuben L. Knight, presently residing in Berkeley. During this time the branch moved into the I.O.O.F. Hall, sharing it with the Episcopal church.

In 1933 Pittsburg became part of the San Francisco Stake, in 1934 part of he Oakland Sake.

Today Pittsburg Ward has over 300 members and a chapel of its own nearing completion.

And so, we of the Pittsburg Ward pay tribute to our own special pioneers, Brother and Sister Francis Mellor Sr.

From 1934 to 1942 Brother Mellor again served as Branch President; in 1938 Pittsburg was made an independent branch. In 1942 J. H. Kirby became the new branch president, and when, on September 27, 1942, Pittsburg became a full-fledged Ward, Bro. Kirby became the first bishop.

Concord Ward Breaks Ground

The Concord Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held ground-breaking ceremonies for their new chapel Saturday, June 20. City Council members joined the large group of Church members for the happy occasion.

The new building, with a floor space of 14,250 square feet is to be located in a six-acre walnut grove on Concord Boulevard between Farm Bureau Road and West Street. Estimated cost of the structure is $140,000.

Participating in the ground-breaking ceremonies were J. A. Markham, Bishop Lord Ward, W. Glenn Harmon, Dr. Chauncey R. Ranker and Norman B. Creer, officials of the Berkeley Stake, and A. L. Dance, President of Concord Ward and Gehringer of the Concord City Council.

The program for the ground-breaking ceremonies consist invocation by J. M. Chamberlain, first counselor of Concord Ward; remarks by Bishop Markham, A. L. Day, W. Glenn Harmon and Dr. Emery Ranker; an original poem by Mrs. George Barber, President of the Women's Relief Society, and benediction by Leon A. Westover, second counselor of the Concord Ward bishopric.

According to Bishop Markham, construction will start immediately, with the membership donating the labor. The plans for the building include a chapel, recreation hall with stage, ten class rooms, a junior Sunday school, Boy Scout room, kitchen, patio, bishop's office, library and a "cry room" for mothers with children in arms.

In the fourteen months since March 1952 when the Concord Ward was organized, its membership has grown from 276 to 580 members, and a high rate of increase seems to continue.

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New World Archaeological Foundation Engaged In Book Of Mormon Archaeological Pioneering In Mexico

A work of fine pioneering patter today is being undertaken by a local organization interested in his Book of Mormon lands.

Drawing such men to its offices are Dr. Alfred V. Kidder, former head of the Archaeological work of Carnegie Foundation, the New World Archaeological Foundation, incorporated in 1952 in Oakland, has already made notable discoveries in its first year of preliminary and reconnaissance work in southern Mexico. High are the anticipations of the Foundation's officers and many ardent supporters.

Thomas Stuart Ferguson, president and organizer of the NWAF, reported in the June Messenger on the figurines and pottery already secured and sites discovered this spring by the field expedition of the Foundation led by Dr. Pedro Armillas of Mexico City, noted authority in this branch of Mexican exploration. Great expectations prevail generally.

The rainy season having set in in late May, the expedition will now prepare for intensive digging in the fall of 1953 on the locations near the sites now selected near the Grijalva River as probably Zarahemla land territory. The sound financial standing of the Foundation will make possible early and well-equipped excavation as soon as weather conditions permit, thanks to many donations.

The daring spirit of adventure displayed by Elder Ferguson in his bold, large scale dreams and dramatic, forthright action are truly Columbus-like in their general aspects. At great risk to his personal professional fortunes as a young practicing attorney, Tom threw his great energies and large segments of his time into wide travel and into winning the cooperation of great national authorities, and into engaging an expedition staff topped by just the best man available, in the particular locale, Dr. Armillas.

Added to all this was the weighty challenge of winning financial support to provide the many thousands of dollars needed by the expedition already doing the field work. Only a few know the courage and faith this burden imposed upon Brother Ferguson when at times it seemed as though the whole endeavor would have to be abandoned for lack of funds and the field force called home.

However, the crises were successfully and cheerfully met. Just when things seemed darkest, the dawn broke all at once and adequate backing was forthcoming. The future looks bright.

Everyone eagerly awaits the time when Mexican weather will permit active excavation again. Great discoveries are looked for which will vindicate the Book of Mormon story.

Berkeley's LDS - UC Institute Rose From Early Deseret Club

The curtain rises in September, 1935. The place: Gospel Message class, Berkeley Ward.

Event: Suggestion that an LDS Deseret Club was needed for LDS students attending the University of California.

First Officers. Officers installed in a meeting of a newly formed Deseret Club in the lounge of the Berkeley Chapel, Oct. 5, 1935: Eva Casto Pinkerton, president; Mark Ricks and Dudley Graves, counselors.

Advisors. Bishop Alma D. Erickson and Isaac B. Ball.

Membership. From the 160 LDS students at the University of California, 90 were numbered in the early Deseret Club and about 50 actively participated.

In the early 1940's the Deseret Club was revived in the form of weekly luncheon hour meetings for Latter-day Saint students at the UC. Luncheons were brought by members and eaten together in the Wesley Foundation building on campus in Bancroft Way.

Each meeting featured a discussion led by Isaac B. Ball, who was waited upon by a committee and urged to undertake this service.

A committee to campaign for a local LDS Institute was set up at this time. Correspondence was carried on with the Church Department of Education and Dr. Frank West, director of that department came often and was to year.

Mormon Chorus Sings Itself Into Many Hearty Accolades

Robert Sant, organizer and baton wielder, Carlton Driggs, accompanist, Nell Macdonald, chorister, organist and instructor in music leader, W. Aird Macdonald, stake president and encourager, and I. B. Ball, local LDS "missionary of the air" for whose program the Mormon Male Chorus was first organized in 1933: these and from 20 to 30 members, lovers of group singing, were key figures in the historic debut of the Mormon Male Chorus, East Bay's leading LDS singing organization.

Rendering weekly sacred numbers on old station KTAB's Sunday afternoon LDS half-hour sermon offering for about two years, 1933 and 1934, the chorus grew in musical and numerical stature until it has become a feature attraction each year on scores of civic and church programs, far and wide.

Awed community sunrise Memorial Day services often have heard the Mormon Male Chorus in Oakland parks, as have numberless other Oakland city-wide civic programs.

Among other civic organizations who have heard the Chorus have been such groups as various Protestant Church services, special hospital programs, Robert Burns anniversary, Oakland Constitution Day, Business and Professional Clubs, and the British Benevolent Society.

Who in the East Bay stakes has not heard the chorus at stake conferences, farewell parties, memorial services and countless other priesthood quorum events and special benefit programs? They have borne their testimonies in sacred songs; they have sung their joy in grand compositions into myriads of grateful hearts.

Recalled with joy also are the solo numbers by chorus members such as Alton Stout and Earl Larson, basso profundos, Paul and Clyde Summerhays and Blaine Wilson, tenors.

The Mormon Male Chorus discontinued its activities during World War II (1942) and until early in 1948.

To Give Liahona Banquet Oration

George Hilton won the right to deliver the July 4th oration representing he young men of the East Bay Stakes, at the Liahona club's swimming pool benefit and patriotic program in the Alameda Ward recreational hall July 4, at 6 p.m.

Brother Hilton won a close first place among four contestants for this honor at the elimination try outs held in the Oakland chapel June 26, at which the judges were Kirk Decker, Berkeley's YMMIA stake president; Elmo Smith, attorney and member of the Oakland Stake presidency, and I. B. Ball, editor of he Messenger. Three other contestants were: Clyde Russell of Oakland Third Ward; Ludean Fresh of Alameda and Shirley Perrin of Martinez.

Title of the winning five-minute oration was, "The Land of the Free."

The prize offered by the Liahona club is a $25 order of basic Church books, it was announced.

Messenger Of Northern California Rose And Fell And Rose Again

The Messenger began in 1931, suspended in 1942 and began again in 1946. Vol. I, No. 1, of the Messenger of San Francisco Stake was dated January 1931, and bore the masthead, "Issued monthly by the stake presidency, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." The editor was the stake president, W. Aird Macdonald, stake president, in place of Clyde W. Lindsay who had moved to Watsonville. J. Edward Johnson was continued as the first counsellor.

A boxed front page "Announcement" declared, "The publication of a monthly stake paper is undertaken with the aim of increasing the efficiency as a stake and as wards . . . The Messenger comes to you free. This has been made possible by our advertisers."

And by the way, this first Messenger of January, 1931, 23 years ago, continued some ads which you will find in the present Messenger, July 1953. They are: Stout's Tire Service, Harold B. Jensen, insurance broker; Don J. Allphin, size being 15x22.

Latter-day Saint Business Men Pioneer The Liahona Club In Bay Area

A distinctly modern move was the launching of the new movement called the Liahona Club. LDS business men were banded together.

Organized in August, 1945, at the suggestion of William H. Evans, Sam Scott, Elmo Smith, Herb Van Noy and Fred Weindorf, all of Dimond Ward, immediately joined into the labors of perfecting a constitution and by-laws.

Among the first projects fostered by the Liahona Club was the revival of the Stake Messenger as an organ of spirituality, friendship and mutual helpfulness among the people of the Church who were relatively as few among so many.

The first officers elected were: Sam S. Scott, president; William H. Evans, vice-president; Don J. Allphin, treasurer; Eugene S. Hilton, secretary.

Presidents of the Liahona Club to date have included besides Sam S. Scott, William H. Evans, A. D. Erickson, Herbert Van Noys, Dennis L. Lauper and Dr. C. Ronald Smith.

Through liberal contributions of time and money through the summers of 1950, '51 and '52, the Liahona Lodge and Utility House complete with adequate piped water, have been erected.

1953 will see the Lodge finished indoors. it is hoped, grounds further developed for camping and games, and a swimming pool provided.

A grand benefit swimming pool banquet - patriotic evening will be sponsored by the Liahona Club July 4th, in the Alameda Ward Recreation Hall, at 6 p.m., with Oscar W. Kirkham as orator of the day.

Berkeley Stake Emergency Food Kit Another Promising 'Pioneering' Movement

By NATHAN TOLMAN.

(One kit feeds a family of two for one year. Two kits, a family of four for one year; and so forth).

For many years, the Lord, thru his servants, has pleaded with us, his people, to lay away at least a year's supply of food and clothing.

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John Eagar Pioneered On the Ship Brooklyn

By MRS. JERRY LARSEN.

Of the fine people who came around the Horn in 1846 on the good Ship "Brooklyn," most of the acclaim should be given to those who forsook the gold and green fields of California and who gave heed to the beckoning of President Brigham Young. Such a man was young John Eagar, who left his mother and family behind to go across the Sierra's to join the saints in Utah. He was a printer and set type for Sam Brannon's first newspaper, The Californian, before he left for Utah.

After arriving in Utah, young John met and married the daughter of Joel Hills Johnson, pioneer poet and church leader. They were sent to settle in the Manti area and there his family was reared. At a very early age, John passed away leaving a fine young family of boys and girls.

His eldest, John Thomas Eagar, was called to help colonize the Eastern Arizona territory. He has left the Eagar name to the excellent town of Eagar, Arizona. His descendants are many, one being this reporter.

Thus John Eagar, LDS pioneer, printer, teacher, farmer, pioneered the way for the writer and her family in a blessed land.

5-STAKE BALL SET JULY 24

Berkeley, Oakland, Palo Alto, San Francisco and Santa Rosa Stakes are joining in a grand night of dancing and floor show, Friday, July 24, at the palatial Richmond Civic auditorium.

Murray Peterson's 12-piece orchestra has been engaged. During intermission time, a floor show of exhibition square dances and some round dance mixers will be presented.

Pioneer and western style costumes will be appropriate and are urged upon all who attend. Admission has been held to $1.00 per person.

This grand season's five stakes' pleasure night was planned as a result of the May 23 Bay Area District Dance Festival in the Oakland high school where over 150 dancers from five stakes produced a beautiful show. Thus the young people of the whole Bay Area are afforded the opportunity to mingle and get better acquainted.

BYU Servicemen's Committee Asks For Names of Servicemen

A fervent appeal comes to the Messenger from the Brigham Young University Servicemen's Committee to help them contact certain servicemen.

This active committee at the "Y" wishes immediately to learn the names and addresses of servicemen who once attended the Brigham Young University.

Will you who read this appeal send these exact names as it addresses to the "Servicemen's Committee, Station 1, Box 2, Provo, Utah."?

The BYU Committee already are sending their monthly letters, the school paper, The Universe, and other interesting and inspiring material. Last Christmas they also sent boxes containing cake, cookies and candy.

All this cheers the boys away from home and causes them to feel still a part of things.

Seek Arresting Items About Your Ancestors

Two pleasant rewards in store for seekers after their kindred dead were illustrated at the Oakland-Berkeley Genealogical Convention in the Oakland Ward chapel, Sunday, June 21.

Elder E. J. Kirkham of the Church Genealogical Society offices in Salt Lake City named as two important satisfactions that come to Latter-day Saint genealogical workers: (1) spiritual enrichment and fulfillment of their own higher aspirations and (2), pleasure in finding life-interest stories of individual ancestors.

Elder Kirkham, son of James M. Kirkham, retired leader and director of the Church Genealogical Society, addressed the regular 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. sessions of the convention and a 1 p.m. special meeting for stake presidencies and high counsellors, bishoprics and stake committees.

He illustrated human interest stories of 17th century wills and other official papers in which certain ancestors are mentioned and interesting facts brought to light. He also told several humorous incidents connected with persons in his lines.

Attendance at the genealogical meetings is increasing throughout the Church, he said. This was true of the convention in Oakland.

The Bob Sants Say Farewell To East Bay

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the line, now his enlarged responsibilities will include all the other electrical paparatus of the company, such as the communications, signals, overhead lines, electrically operated drawbridges. He will also supervise the men operating and maintaining these services.

Optimistic to the core, Elder Sant's philosophy is on the possible future of the chorus. In this letter to the editor anent mutual laborers in the beginning of the chorus 19 years ago, he commented:

"I couldn't help but feel that the change could be for the best for the chorus. This has been the experience of other organizations of a similar nature to go on to better and finer work with a change of directors."

Elder Sant is one with her husband in her reluctance to sever bonds of close association in Concord, Martinez and thruout the stake. She hesitates to give up the leadership of the ladies' singing group in Concord.

Wm. Taylor Family Redwood City Reunion

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children promised him that they would not marry outside the church.

So ended the life of a great and good man.

Now let all his descendants who read this, attend the family reunion July 4th in Redwood City, California.

Northern California Mission Head Completes Four Years' Service

LITERARY PIONEERING

Popular Books Penned By Local LDS Authors

Dr. Eugene Hilton of Oakland Stake and Thomas Stuart Ferguson of Berkeley Stake are authors of popular books published by recognized book concerns and currently selling in goodly numbers.

Elder Hilton is the former president of Oakland Stake and recently honorably released from the Brittish Mission. He also is a retired Oakland city school principal and is a patriarch in Oakland Stake.

Trained in the social sciences by study and by teaching experience he has endeavored to fill a felt need for successful textbooks in this field for the high school, and junior college levels. In 1953, he co-authorized "America Today and Yesterday," and in 1937 he won a $5000 prize for a two-volume set, Vol. I, being "Problems value of Today." Vol. II, "The Foundations of Freedom," was issued in 1951 by the Page-ant Press of New York.

These books are used by hundreds of high school and college classes over the nation from coast to coast.

Volume on Ancient America

Thomas Stuart Ferguson, author, is a young attorney in Oakland and a well known amateur archaeologist in the field in Middle America. He is president and founder of the "New World Archaeological Foundation."

In colaboration with Dr. Milton R. Hunter, he authored "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon," which immediately was recognized as a notable contribution to knowledge, particularly connecting the Central American ancient culture with that of the land of Palestine of that day.

The sale of this book has been heavy and steady. Copies are studied by distinguished archaeologicalists in many American universities.

Preceding the publication of this volume, Elder Ferguson had written a small book, "Cumorrah —Where," in which evidence is marshalled to the thesis that the Cumorah of Book of Mormon days is in Central America. It has proved to be a stimulating addition to thought on this particular problem.

The New World Archaeological Foundation has completed its first year of field work in Central America and perhaps Brother Ferguson will soon have further material for a new volume in this phase of research.

$10 Million Bldg. Program On At 'Y'

Five million dollars for student housing and $5,000,000 on academic and service buildings at the Brigham Young university will give life to the largest single University building program in the history of Utah.

The seven academic and service buildings planned include an administration and an engineering building, health center, a greenhouse and a family living center.

This huge program will increase academic floor space of the university by 50 per cent and the housing capacity of the dormitory area by about 100 per cent. The new structures will house 960 women and 800 men.

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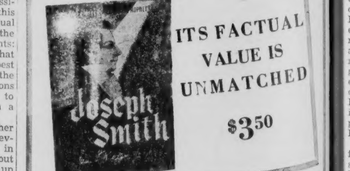

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Elder Albert E. Bowen---Man With A Wise And Understandig Heart

With the heading just quoted, Editor Smart of the Deseret News, in the July 16 issue of that paper, pays a most unusual and deeply sincere tribute to Elder Albert E. Bowen, late member of the Council of Twelve, who died at his Salt Lake City home July 15, 1953.

Few people even among the members of the Church knew that for nine years Elder Bowen served as president of the Deseret News Publishing-Company where he was the active head of a family of some six hundred newspaper and job printing employees.

Thus it was that the editor of the Deseret News maintained a very intimate association with Elder Bowen. The very fact that the apostle with his many exacting apostolic duties could also find time, energy and knowledge to preside actively and to influence markedly the policy and daily operation of such a huge operation as the Deseret News and its job printing department which in himself had no personal experience in the field of printing and newspaper work is in itself a testimonial of astonishing proportion as to the mental capacity of Elder Bowen and doubly so when it is apparent that those whom he directed loved and respected him in and admired his judgment.

No doubt our Messenger readers will therefor enjoy the following testimonial from the able pen of the editor of the Deseret News as it appeared on the editorial page of the News, July 16. We quote only in part touching specifically Elder Bowen's services as president of the publishing company:

"In this capacity, Brother Bowen, as he was fondly known to all of us, won the love and affection of all with whom he labored. In our eyes, he was a man possessed of all the choicest human virtues. He had a quiet reserve, great dignity, and tremendous moral and mental strength. He was a gentleman and a scholar. His judgment in business matters was almost infallible and his wisdom profound. He had a broad outlook and his conclusions were mature and well seasoned. He was, in every respect, most capable and competent, yet thoroughly humble and solicitous of the opinions of others.

"The Brother Bowen we came to know and love so well was a man of few words and a lot of listening. In policy and committee meetings he did much more

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Victor Lindblad, 17 Delegates, Attend Huge Scout Jamboree

By ANNALEONE PATTON.

Mount Diablo Council named 17 delegates to represent it at the 43rd annual meeting of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America held jointly with the National Jamboree at Newport Beach, July 17-23, inclusive.

Victor Lindblad, of Berkeley Stake, whose name is synonymous with scouting and paper at the executive meeting at the National Scout Jamboree in the Southland, July 19. His paper was entitled, "Health and Safety."

Raymond L. Knight, medical advisor, Jack Evans, Explorer advisor, Kirke M. Decker, and George H. Macey of Berkeley Stake Mutual Board and C. Ray Balmfoot, local district executive, and Jack Smith, assistant Scout master of Berkeley Troop number 8, also were in attendance.

The local Latter-day Saints feel proud of the personnel of Mt. Diablo Scouting Council.

David O. McKay was extended the honor of giving the prayer at the Jamboree at the Irvine Ranch

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BYU Heads Organize Awards Program

President Ernest L. Wilkinson (seated center) checks Achievement Award with W. Cleon Skousen, Alumni Executive Secretary, and Harvey Taylor, Executive Assistant to the President. The awards are designed to give some deserving girl or boy a year's tuition at BYU and each Ward in the Church will be given the opportunity to sponsor an award.

Do You Know Someone Who'd Like To Go BYU But Car't Afford?

Do you know a boy or girl in your ward who would like to attend Brigham Young university, but cannot afford it?

On July 15, officials at BYU set up a tuition achievement award program whereby attractive certificates were sent to all wards so business men and other church members wishing to sponsor a deserving girl or boy for a year's education at BYU might participate.

Initiated at the suggestion of a number of businessmen who desire to sponsor young people from their own locality who deserve a chance to go to college, the program will be carried out at BYU by W. Cleon Skousen, director of alumni and public services.

Patrons Present Certificates

The certificates are made up by the university and personally presented to the student by the patron or patroness. The patron then deposites $160—the cost of an entire year's tuition at BYU—with the university.

The Church has made a concentrated effort through the years to keep tuition at BYU as low as possible. The present tuition rate is far below the amount required in most private universities throughout the country.

In some wards, these BYU tuition grants are being used to encourage young people who have carefully followed the program of the Church in priesthood, seminary, auxiliaries and the LDS girls' program.

All certificates are signed by the donor or donors—as in some cases, several persons are joining together to send a worthy boy or girl to college.

Plan Finds Favor

According to Skousen, Noble Waite, chairman of the achievement award program in Southern California, has sent word that at last night (July 20) 40 were expected to be received from that

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Church Acquires Another Hospital Fully Equipped

The 115-bed Utah Valley Hospital in Provo, Utah, came into the hospital system of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints July 15.

The hospital on its 11-acres plot in northeast Provo with a medical staff of 45 doctors will be utilized by the recently inaugurated school of nursing at Brigham Young University in its training of student nurses and for graduate nurse training programs, it is believed.

The MIA Maids of Berkeley Stake had a wonderful week-end, July 17-20, of camping at beautiful Liahona Lodge in the Sonora Pass Playland country.

To the delight of the Stamps boys the Campsite was invaded by MIA Maids the week-end of July 18. Even though our numbers were too numerous the pleasures of camping were at their best in that glorious country. Swimming was enjoyed when the crowd rolled down to Pinecrest's Strawberry Lake, but the main event was the campfire program in which everyone participated about a gigantic pile of flame-red embers that lit up the towering pines and cedars all about the happy circle.

A special spiritual feast was manifest during Sunday morning sacrament services when Brother Ball, our Stake Patriarch, gave a lovely sermon. Being so high in the mountains with beautiful scenery all about, made one feel much closer to our Father in Heaven.

Those Assisting in the Trip

Those assisting Enid Young Stake MIA Maid Leader, were Diana Malstrom, Stake Music Director; Sidney and Almadeane Feller, Young Men's Activity director and Young Women's President, respectively. Jackie Pack very graciously came along to assist.

Plans are going forward to a bigger and better annual trip to Liahona next year. We'll charter a bus; so plan now to attend.

Our deep appreciation goes to the members of the Liahona Club for sharing with us their retreat.

Besides those mentioned there were present the following:

Karen Jarman, Julie Nelsen, Charlene Dixon, Paula Hanna, Dr. and Mrs. C. Ronald Smith, Anne and Jeanette Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stamps, Charles Stamps, Jr., Don Stamps, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Erickson and Kurt Erickson, David Cox, Florence Nielsen, Woody Bates, Clyde W. Lindsay, Kenneth Lindsay, Warren Larson, David Larson, a nephew, Nathan Johnson of Modesto, I. B. Ball, and the families of two volunteer non-Mormon carpenters who came with Brother Lindsay to donate their labor for a full day Saturday and to rest and revel in the mountain retreat, 7,000 feet above the ocean level.

Campsite Plans for 1953

Campsite plans announced at a special Liahona Club dinner held July 13 at the Faculty Club on

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Thorpe B. Isaacson Reelected USAC Board Chairman

Presiding Bishop Thorpe B. Isaacson was re-elected July 10, chairman of the Utah State Agricultural College board of trustees for his fifth consecutive term.

At the same board meeting a committee was appointed to screen applicants for the position of president of the college. The committee was instructed to invite Dr. George Albert Smith, Jr., of the Harvard School of Business to call the college and talk with board members concerning his possible appointment as president. Utah County Assessor.

President McKay Dedicating Two European Temple Sites

Geo. Hilton Selects $25 Prize-Won Books

George Hilton, returned missionary and chemistry student at Cal, selected his $25 prize-won Church books July 22.

The July 4th patriotic oration contest was sponsored jointly by the Messenger and the Liahona Club. The winner of preliminary try-outs was invited to deliver his speech at the Liahona banquet held in the Alameda recreation hall, July 4. George Hilton won in a field of five contestants.

The books selected by Brother Hilton on his $25.00 award were a leather-bound triple combination Doctrine & Covenants, Pearl of Great Price and Book of Mormon; Joseph Smith, by Widtoe; Discourses of Brigham Young, The Apostacy, by Talmage; A Marvelous Work, and a Wonder, by Le Grand Richards; Articles of Faith, by Talmage, and What of the Mormons.

President David O. McKay of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints left Salt Lake City August 30, bound for Europe. With him was Mrs. McKay.

He is making a brief trip for the purpose of dedicating two temple sites, one in Berne, Switzerland, and the other near London, England.

The Church leader and Mrs. McKay reached New York Aug. 1. They flew to England on the evening of Aug. 2, arriving there Aug. 3. Plans were to dedicate the Berne site on Aug. 5 and return to England for dedicatory services there either Aug. 7 or 8.

The trip was a hurried one. President McKay and party will return to the United States immediately after the dedicatory services on the temple site in England.

Liahona Campsite Draws Mia Maids, Families, Helpers

If You're Moving Give Postman New Address

It will save the Messenger a tidy sum each month if you will send word to the Messenger well ahead of the time you move. Not only do we waste paper and postage in uselessly sending the Messenger to your old address, but we also pay the postman again for returning the undeliverable paper to us. Add our time also.

Be sure also to give old and new addresses and also give the wards from and to which you move. A brother recently wrote to us from Ogden and simply said, "We have moved to Ogden so please stop sending the Messenger to our old address." No Ogden or California address given. . . . Well' we haven't yet found that man's old address plate, so we can't throw it out. A Messenger is going to that old address every month uselessly. We have wards and branches in our four stakes. He should have stated in what ward he had resided and the address where the Messenger was received. If he had given an Ogden address also, we could write to him there. . . . But we are helpless now until by chance we can find his old plate and throw it out.

Tell us also if you get a duplicate Messenger; and if you fail to receive an issue write or phone and we'll send a copy and will check your mailing plate too.

Utah Teachers Turn For Living To California

About 400 Utah teachers are estimated to have left the profession for other work or to teach in other states since June 1, according to information obtained from a questionaire sent out to teachers in Utah.

On the average those who are leaving the profession have obtained employment which return to them $1156 per year more than they had received as teachers. Twice as many men as women have left the profession.

Three-fourths of the teachers who had accepted teaching positions out of Utah stated that their new positions were in California.

Primary Celebrates Diamond Jubilee

The Primary Associations of the Church will commemorate the 75th anniversary of their auxiliary organizations on the first Sunday in August. Meetings will be held in the wards throughout the Church to celebrate the historic beginnings of a great movement.

All Primary women with a record of five years or more of service in the organization will be given a special service certificate in honor of the occasion, according to advice from the General Offices of the Primary Association in Salt Lake City.

W. King Driggs Attends Reunion Old School Class

W. King Driggs of Sherman Oaks, in Southern California and formerly of Berkeley and Oakland, father of the singing Kirby Sisters and composer of note, returned early in July from Pleasant Grove, Utah, where he attended the Golden anniversary of the Class of 1903, Pleasant Grove Public School.

Twenty-nine of the 32 living graduates were present at the reunion, traveling from California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and several counties in Utah for the celebration, July 3 and 4.

Mr. Driggs, class president, gave the same address to the class that he delivered 50 years ago. The class song "Nineteen Threes," composed by him, was sung as a part of the Friday program. Saturday's big event was a picnic at American Fork Canyon.

In 1903 there was no high school in Pleasant Grove, and the school classes went through the 11th grade. Graduates of that year have made names for themselves.

The class consisted of 39 members—21 girls and 16 boys. Two of the girls and five of the boys have died, leaving 32 surviving. The group has met every five years over a long period with the exception of Lizzie Benson, who died in 1904, all of the girls married.

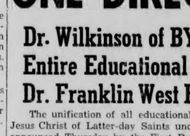
Of the group of boys, four became mayors of their respective cities, four taught school, and three of them became principals; two are lawyers, one having served as justice of the State Supreme Court; two are contractors; one is a civil engiuer; two are farmers, one a talented musician, instructor in music, and noted composer; and one sreved as possible appointment as president.

CHURCH UNITES SCHOOLS UNDER ONE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wilkinson of BYU to Head Entire Educational Program; Dr. Franklin West Retires

The unification of all educational institutions of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints under a single administrator was announced Thursday by the First Presidency.

Named as the administrator was Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson, present president of the Brigham Young University. His offices will continue at the University in Provo.



William E. Berrett

Named vice-president in charge of religious education. His duties will largely parallel those of Dr. Franklin L. West, now retired.

Harvey L Taylor

Executive assistant. His duties would seem to take some of the burdens of Pres. Wilkinson in administering the whole Church School system on all levels.

William F. Edwards

Named vice-president in charge of finance and business administration.

Included in the new unification program are eight Church Schools; 15 LDS Institutes conducted near colleges and universities and 192 junior and senior seminaries throughout the Church.

The new change is made effective upon the retirement of Dr. Franklin L. West, who has been Church Commissioner of Education since 1935.

General Administrator

Under the plan announced Thursday, Dr. Wilkinson will assume general administration under the direction of the First Presidency, President David O. McKay and his counselors, President Stephen L. Richards and President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., and the Council of the Twelve Through an executive committee consisting of President Joseph Fielding Smith and Elders Harold B. Lee, Henry D. Moyle, Marion G. Romney and Adam S. Bennion.

With the approval of the First Presidency and the executive committee, Dr. Wilkinson has appointed three men to assist him in his increased responsibilities. The three and their positions are:

William E. Berrett, vice president in charge of religious education.

William F. Edwards, vice president in charge of finance and business administration.

Harvey L. Taylor, executive assistant.

Approximately 15,000 full-time students and many thousands of part-time seminary and institute students will be brought under one administration through the new program announced Thursday by the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A total of nine schools are involved in the unification program as follows:

Brigham Young University with a full-time enrollment of 7,500; LDS Business College, 1,275 students; McCune School of Music and Art with an enrollment of 1,198; Juarez Academy in Mexico, with 350 students; the Ricks College in Rexburg, Ida., 891 students; the Liahona College in Tonga, 400 students; the Pesenga School in Samoa, with 1,200 students, and the LDS College in New Zealand with 500 enrollment.

In addition the BYU embraces the BY High and grade school with an additional 1,522 students.

Do You Have Back Numbers Of Messenger?

Can you help the Church Historian's Office in Salt Lake City? The Messenger sent them on request a file of the Messenger from the beginning, but lacked a few single copies.

In June the Messenger printed this same appeal. We received two offers to loan back copies for microfilming by the Historian's Office. This has reduced our needs by over one-half. Loaned copies will be returned to their owner after microfilming.

Here is the list of Messengers still desired:

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